

# Chapter 4

## Sewerage Systems

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# **I. INTRODUCTION**

## **A. HISTORY OF COUNTY SEWERAGE PLANNING**

Since the first County Water & Sewerage Plan in 1969, the County has been divided into 32 drainage basins for water and sewerage planning. The original consultant located a potential sewage treatment plant site symbol for each drainage basin regardless of whether or not that basin was planned to have service within the 20-year time frame of the Plan. Potential surface water impoundments were also located on tributaries to the Monocacy River and Catoctin Creek throughout the County.

Over the years, sewer service basins, which were not planned to have service, had their potential treatment plant symbols removed.

The 1992 Plan marked a departure from drainage basin plans to a discussion of water and sewerage organized by systems and service areas. Over the years, the Central Frederick Service Area has grown beyond the original drainage basin boundaries so that it no longer makes sense to fragment the discussion of service to this area into several sub-chapters. At the other extreme, there are municipal systems that are the only providers of water and sewerage service in a drainage basin. Many Town systems were not planned to expand to serve areas outside the municipal boundaries and never to encompass their entire drainage basin.

As part of the County's Comprehensive Plan update process, the water and sewer service areas are revised to reflect any changes to the community growth boundaries of the designated growth areas. The community growth boundary would define the Planned Service (PS) area and properties within the growth boundary with a land use plan designation other than Agricultural or Natural Resource would be classified as PS. Revised 20-year water and sewer service areas concurrently amend the Water & Sewage Plan with the adoption of amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Expansion of a sewer area will need amendment to the growth area in the Comprehensive Plan prior to a Water and Sewerage Plan amendment. Sub-regional sewage treatment plants outside community growth areas identified in the Comprehensive Plan will not be approved.

Areas of the County outside of the designated community growth areas and thus not included in a service area and not otherwise served by an existing community system or a multi-use system, are to be served by individual septic systems. Septic systems properly sited and installed with adequate replacement field can be expected to function indefinitely in low-density development applications.

Frederick County has 11 regional sewerage service areas (See Table 4.01) served by 17 sewer systems. Eight of the sewerage systems are owned and operated by municipalities. Ft. Detrick's system is operated by the Federal government. Frederick County/DWSU has 9 waste water treatment plants (WWTP) with a total average capacity of 16.063 MGD.

In addition, there are six, small publicly-owned sub-regional community sewerage systems outside of the regional sewerage service areas and community growth areas. Washington County serves a small portion of the Highfield/Blue Ridge Summit community in Frederick County with both water and sewerage service. These systems are described in Section IV, page 4-39.

**Table 4.01 Regional Sewerage Service Areas**

<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Ownership</b>
Central Frederick Service Area <sup>1</sup> Ballenger-McKinney WWTP system	Municipal, County, Federal
Fountaindale	County
Jefferson	County
Point of Rocks	County
City of Brunswick/Knoxville	Municipal
Town of Emmitsburg	Municipal
Town of Middletown	Municipal
Town of Mt. Airy	Municipal
Town of Myersville	Municipal
Town of Thurmont	Municipal
Town of Woodsboro	Municipal

<sup>1</sup> Frederick City, Town of Walkersville, Linganore/Spring Ridge/ Bartonsville, Adamstown, Urbana, Ft. Detrick, New Market/Monrovia, Libertytown

**Table 4.02 Sub-Regional Wastewater Systems\***

<b>System</b>	<b>Ownership</b>
White Rock	County
Mill Bottom	County
Pleasant Branch	County
Crestview Estates	County
Lewistown	County
Highfield/Blue Ridge Summit	Washington County

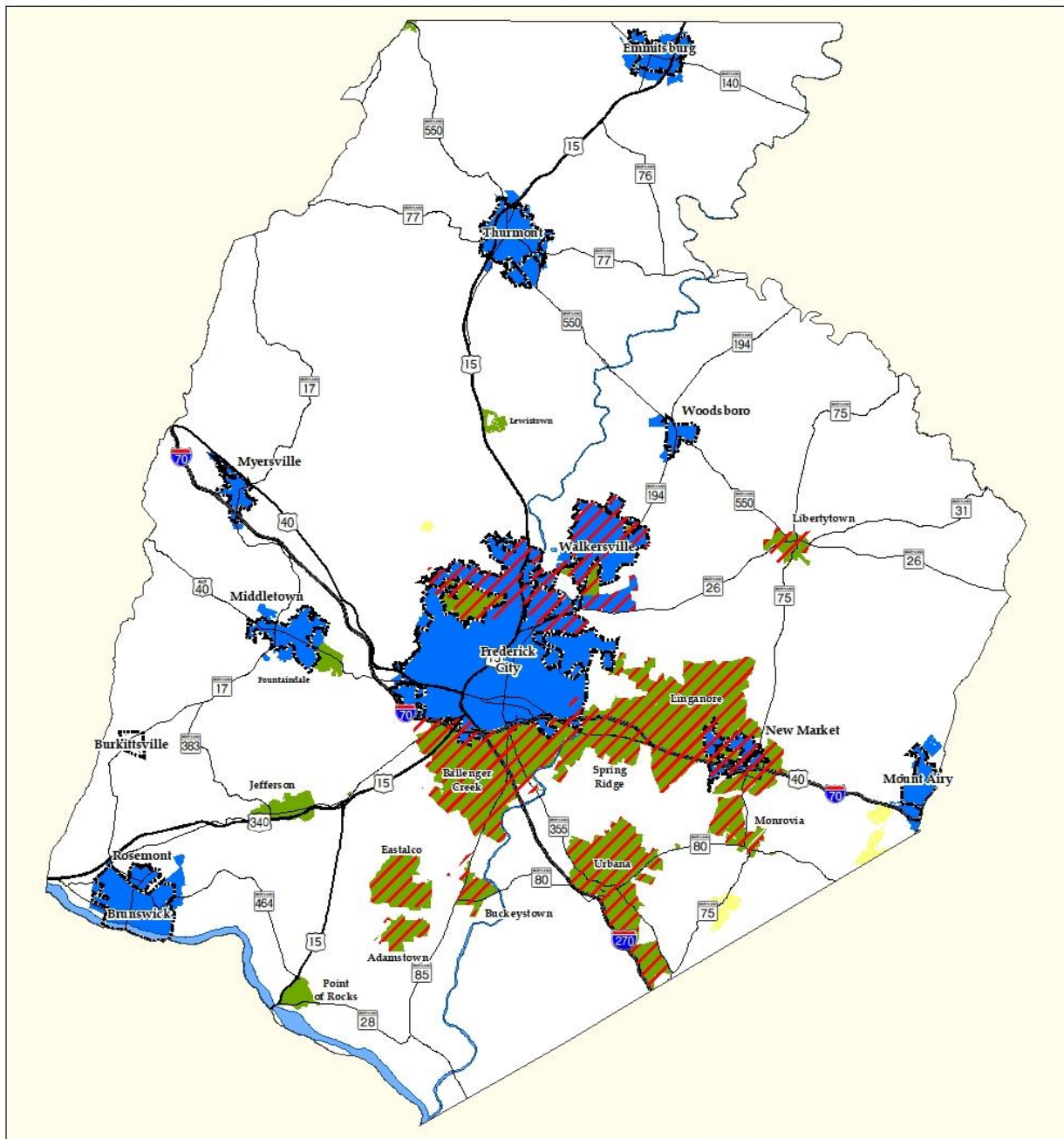
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## **B. REGIONAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM STUDY**



In 1993, the Boyle Engineering Corporation prepared a Regional Wastewater System Study for the southern two-thirds of Frederick County. The study was intended to be a planning tool for developing wastewater improvements to meet the County's future needs. Population projections were used to estimate future demands if all then-current zoning and Comprehensive Plan designations were built. Since pipeline and treatment plant life is generally 50-100 years, the Wastewater Study recommendations go beyond the 20-year planning period of this Water and Sewerage Plan, which does not necessarily imply that the planned growth will occur within the planning period. In other words, the growth anticipated in a 20-year planning period may in fact take 40, 50 or more years to occur and thus, the infrastructure must be designed to last accordingly.




Existing sewerage systems within the study area were inspected and evaluated in the 1993 study. Each system was modeled using computer techniques to evaluate adequacy of the collection system under maximum flow conditions (ultimate build-out). It is important to note that because of budget constraints, the study did not contain a flow monitoring component to verify *actual* wastewater flows in the collection systems.

Since the original study, the County has continually updated these models to reflect changes in the sewerage system planning and operation. In 2005 the County completed an update to its hydraulic model for the sewer interceptor systems. The updated hydraulic model quantified average and peak wastewater flow values from existing and future wastewater flow that are tributary to the Ballenger Creek/McKinney, now Ballenger-McKinney WWTP. This information is being used by the County to evaluate strategies to divert wastewater flows from its minor treatment facilities to the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP, where the wastewater will receive much higher levels of treatment (Enhanced Nutrient Removal). If successful these strategies may allow the County to further decrease Nitrogen and Phosphorus loading to local receiving streams and the Chesapeake Bay, beyond that which will be provided through the ENR retrofit of the major WWTPs located in Frederick County.



## Sewer Service Areas

 Current Municipal Boundary  
 Municipal Sewer Service Areas

 County Sewer Service Areas  
 Subregional Sewer Service Areas  
 Ballenger/McKinney System Service Area



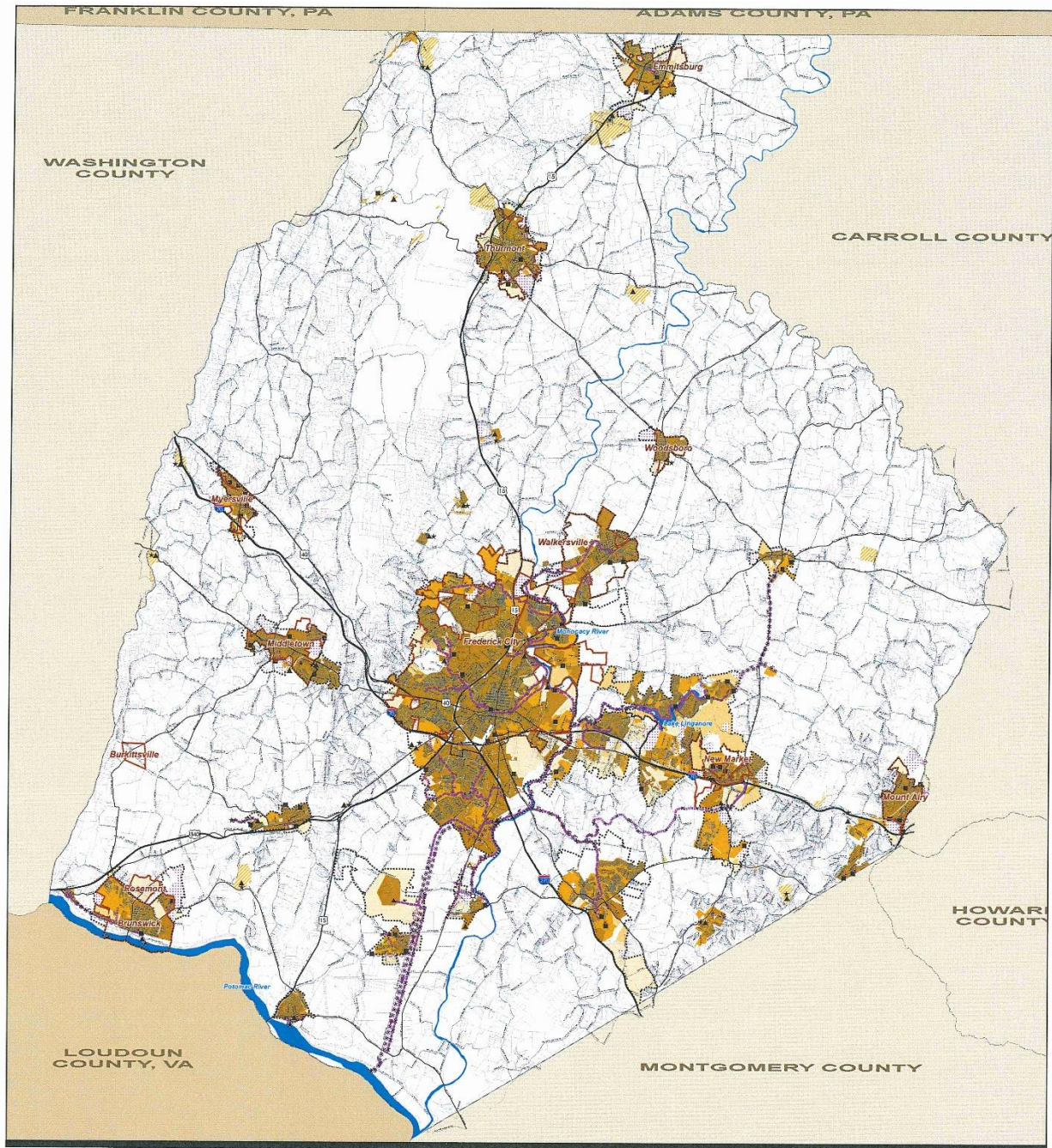
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### Sewer Service Areas

M-U Multi-Use (Private)  
S-1- Connected  
S-3- 1-3 Years

S-4- 4-6 Years  
S-5 7-10 Years  
PS- Planned Service 11-20 Years  
NPS- No Planned Service

### Sewer Facilities

Existing Pumping Station  
Planned Pumping Station  
Existing Point of Discharge  
Planned Point of Discharge  
Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Planned Wastewater Treatment Plant

### Sewer Lines

Existing Line  
Existing Line, Denied Access  
Existing Forced Main  
Existing Forced Main, Denied Access  
Planned Line  
Planned Line, Denied Access  
Community Growth Areas  
Municipalities

This hydraulic modeling also evaluated the County's Potomac River Outfall line, including possible water re-use potential from the outfall for Industrial properties located between Manor Woods Road and Adamstown Road.

Based on the recommendations of the 1987 Monocacy River Wastewater Treatment Alternatives Study, Frederick County and the City of Frederick agreed to pursue a regional wastewater treatment strategy centered on the City's Gas House Pike WWTP and the County's Ballenger-McKinney WWTP. Although the combined flow from the WWTPs may exceed the 13 MGD originally anticipated in the 1987 Monocacy River Study, the use of advanced wastewater treatment technologies will limit pollutant loading to the Monocacy River to current respective permitted pollutant loads, consistent with the objectives of the MDE and the goals of the 1987 Study. As pollutant loading to the Monocacy River from the Ballenger McKinney WWTP approaches the permitted loading limits already established, the County can rely on its McKinney Outfall system to divert any excess pollutant loading directly to the Potomac River.

### **C. ESTIMATING FUTURE DEMAND FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT**

Wastewater is generally characterized by three types of flow; residential, commercial/industrial, and infiltration and inflow (I&I). For the systems evaluated in this plan, most if not all of the wastewater comes from residential areas. For the unincorporated community growth areas, those with the most significant amounts of existing or projected commercial/industrial flow include Ballenger Creek, Frederick Southeast, I-270 Employment Corridor and to a lesser degree Point of Rocks. Except for the City of Frederick, the other municipalities have a small percentage of mostly commercial flow. Both Frederick County and the City of Frederick have industrial pre-treatment ordinances, which require excessive loadings or chemicals to be removed prior to discharge into the systems.

Infiltration flow in the sanitary sewer, is water entering a sewer system or portion thereof, excluding sanitary sewage, due to poor construction, corrosion of the pipe, or structural defect. Inflow is defined as flow entering the system through connections such as storm drains, roof leaders, basement drains, or basement sumps, or through open or leaky manhole covers. Inflow is highest during wet weather conditions. All gravity sewer systems experience some degree of infiltration and inflow. Systems with pipelines or manholes in need of repair or with illegal connections will experience excessive infiltration and inflow.

### **H. FUTURE LOADINGS**

The future loadings for the service area are determined by the population projections within the designated community growth areas. For planning purposes, the County uses a rate of 250 gpd per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU), which incorporates residential I&I for an average community. The County utilizes an average population per household of 2.7 for planning purposes. This relates to a planning number of 93 gallons per capita per day (gpcd), which will be used to determine future wastewater loadings.

It should be noted that not all water used is processed through the sewerage system. Lawn watering, car washing, evaporation from cooling systems and water included in processed products are all examples of how water demand can exceed sewage treatment demand. Consequently, sewage treatment demand may not identically match water demands reported in Chapter 3.

As Table 4.03 illustrates, the existing sewage treatment capacity in some systems will have to be increased to meet short term demands. In most cases, an increase in treatment capacity will be required to accommodate ultimate growth.

The Maryland Department of the Environment has a procedure for estimating municipal water and sewer capacities and demands. This analysis is required of municipalities (and county systems) when the system

exceeds 80% of its design capacity. Simply summarized, it takes the design capacity of a system, subtracts the existing customers/use, from the remainder subtracts approved but not built demand, and from that remainder subtracts vacant lots/potential demand, to get the remaining available capacity for future approvals. This kind of analysis, generally, is now required for a category change in the recently amended Chapter 1 of this Water & Sewerage Plan.

## **E. SLUDGE DISPOSAL**

Sewage sludge management primarily involves land application, which is currently managed privately through a contract currently held by Synagro. The County's Reichs Ford Road landfill could also serve as a disposal site for sludge, but only in situations where land application cannot be utilized. The Ballenger-McKinney WWTP provides sludge processing for all of the County owned wastewater plants as well as those of some municipalities and private entities. Treated sewage sludge is a Class B biosolid and sites must meet requirements for land application in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws. Biosolids from Ballenger-McKinney are land applied in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Septic systems produce a digested primary sludge that periodically must be removed by a 'scavenger' truck. The Ballenger-McKinney WWTP has a facility for accepting and treating septic tank sludge (septage).

## **F. FINANCING SEWAGE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT FACILITIES**

The County and its municipalities have the legal means to finance sewerage facilities through the issuance of general obligation bonds backed by the full faith and credit of the respective jurisdiction. Escalating costs and requirements for adequate waste treatment would, however, place a severe strain on the ability of any jurisdiction to fully finance contemplated new systems or improvements and/or extensions. Accordingly, Federal and State aid is required to assist in the financing of wastewater treatment works.

Yearly debt and interest service on local bond issues can be raised in a variety of ways depending on local preference, including general tax assessment, front-foot assessment, connection charges, surcharge on water billings and an increase in sewer-rate billings (where applicable).

Most of the costs involved in planning, designing and constructing interceptor sewers, pumping stations and wastewater treatment facilities can be financed through low interest loans administered by the Maryland Department of the Environment in conjunction with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Additionally, small supplemental grants are available from MDE, and can be used in conjunction with other funding sources. The effect of these required annual expenditures on a local jurisdiction's taxable base must, therefore, be thoroughly evaluated and considered before it is decided to proceed with the design and construction of a central system. This evaluation should be included in a facilities plan or feasibility study prepared for the area in question.

Incorporated communities have the legal authority to issue Public Improvement Bonds to finance their share of community sewerage projects. However, due to the small rate of projected growth in many towns, their bonding capability may not be sufficient to completely fund the local share of sewerage projects without excessive indebtedness. Since these communities serve rural areas, they are eligible for grant assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Farmers Home Administration (similar to financial assistance for community water systems). The Federal agency is authorized to allocate grants up to 50 percent and low interest loans up to 100 percent for the portion of the costs of public sewerage systems that do not receive other grant monies.

These grants and loans are available to assist rural communities with a population of less than 10,000 people. Also, financial assistance is available from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for construction of central sewerage facilities. These funds are available through the "Community Development Block Grant Program" administered by this Federal agency and can finance up to 100% of the total construction costs for central

sewerage facilities with no population limitations and no local share input. However, funds from both these Federal agencies are currently limited.

Sewer (and water) projects should be self-supporting. In all cases, best business and accounting methods should prevail. Bond money should not be used for maintenance, operation or debt service. Amortization of bond issues should approach a straight line basis. The cost of physical connections to various systems should not be merged with "area" or "basic" charges levied to first time users. Developers of housing, commercial and industrial projects should contribute to the cost of providing sewer (and water) service. All Public Works agreements related to development should be as nearly uniform as possible, approved as to legal form and sufficiency and secured to the satisfaction of Frederick County Department of Public Works, Division of Utilities & Solid Waste Management, or other agency having jurisdiction. Operating costs and service charges for same should be reviewed annually.

Every project should be carefully reviewed for financial feasibility before the commitment of public funds for construction. The financing of community sewerage systems in isolated health problem areas where individual septic tanks are failing requires careful study. One way to obtain the local share of required financing would be to place a substantial permit fee on each new septic tank constructed in the County. Proceeds would be placed in a revolving fund established by the County Division of Utilities & Solid Waste Management for the purpose of alleviating sewerage related problem areas. The legal and economic problems associated with such a permit fee should be carefully studied by the County.

The County, as a matter of policy, requires developers to pay the cost of constructing infrastructure needed to serve their developments, and often a pro-rata share of the County facilities upgrades to serve their growth-generated demand. One way developers have used to finance utility infrastructure is through Special Taxing Districts where the present and future beneficiaries of the infrastructure repay the debt for the infrastructure, which was constructed, up-front. The County currently has two Special Taxing Districts for utility infrastructure: Lake Linganore, and Urbana PUDs, and one municipal Special Taxing District: Brunswick Crossing PUD.

The County should encourage limited development in the areas served by existing treatment plants so as to utilize their full capacity and thereby spread charges over as large a user base as possible. Only by building such a user base can charges be kept within reason.

## **G. INDIVIDUAL SEPTIC SYSTEMS**

Outside of the community growth areas, including municipal and unincorporated growth areas, individual subdivisions and rural communities rely on individual septic systems. There are two municipalities, Burkittsville and Rosemont that also rely on individual septic systems though neither one is considered a growth area. In many rural developments, and small towns, it is not economically feasible to provide community sewage systems. The wastewater from these properties is usually treated by individual on-site sewage systems (septic tank systems).

Septic tank systems consist of a tank and some type of leeching system (trench(s), seepage pit(s) or sand mound). The septic tank is a settling chamber where solids settle to the bottom of the tank allowing only the liquid waste (effluent) to flow into the leeching part of the system. Some of the solids in the tank decompose through bacteriological action. The remaining solids must be pumped out and disposed of by a scavenger septic tank pumper). The leeching part of septic systems are either a trench(s), pit(s) or a sand mound. Absorption trenches are trenches dug with the contour of the ground. The trench is filled with coarse gravel (#2 stone). Perforated non-metallic approved pipe is laid in the coarse gravel approximately 2 feet below ground surface. The trench is backfill covered with 18 inches of soil. Effluent from the septic tank seeps through the perforated pipe, through the gravel into the soil. The length, width, depth and number of the trench(s) required depends upon the amount of waste generated, the depth of the percolation tests and the soil permeability (percolation rate) of the soil. Seepage pits consist of square holes dug in the ground in which cylindrical concrete rings are placed on top of one another. The number of rings used is

determined by the depth of the percolation test. The rings are covered with a concrete lid and are surrounded by coarse stone. The number of pits needed and the size and depth of each pit is based on the projected flow and percolation rate and depth. Distribution boxes are used to equally distribute the waste between trenches or pits. A sand mound system is an on-site sewage disposal system that is elevated above the natural soil surface in a suitable sand fill material. A gravel filled bed(s) is constructed in the sand fill and effluent from a dual compartment septic tank is pumped into the gravel bed through a pressure-distribution network. Sand mound systems cannot be used in all situations. In some cases, poor soil conditions preclude the use of any on-site sewage disposal system.

Large projects outside of a wastewater service may rely on multi-use systems, which discharge or treat more than 5,000 gallons per day using individual on-site sewage disposal system. These systems are required to gain concurrent approval from the local Health Department and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). MDE procedures require that for each 5000 gallons of wastewater generated, three acres of septic area must be designated for the septic system installation and repair. This area must be evaluated and approved concurrently by the local Health Department and MDE. Once the septic area has been evaluated and approved, septic system design plans must be submitted to MDE for review and approval. Frederick County requires these projects serve only one lot, although there may be many individuals served as in a school or camp.

Per COMAR 26.03.01.04, documentation is required in the Water and Sewerage Plan regarding the presence or absence of marinas in the County. Frederick County has no marinas, as it contains no tidal waters inside or on its borders.

#### **Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 (“Septic Bill”)**

Recognizing the water quality impacts from rural, large-lot, septic systems, the state adopted Senate Bill 236, the *Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012*. The overall goal of the legislation is to “limit the disproportionate impacts of large subdivisions on septic systems on Maryland’s farms and forest lands, streams, rivers and Chesapeake and Coastal Bays” and to establish four tiers of land use categories to identify where major and minor residential subdivisions may be located and what type of sewerage (individual septic system or public sewer) will serve them.

Frederick County adopted its Growth Tiers on February 26, 2013, as follows:

- Tier I and IA (areas currently served by public sewerage systems)
- Tier II and IIA (areas planned to be served by public sewerage systems)
- Tier III (areas not within a Community Growth Area and not planned for public sewer service, with allowance for major residential subdivisions on individual septic systems)
- Tier IV (areas planned for agricultural, resource protection, preservation or conservation and not within a Community Growth Area and not planned for public sewer service, with prohibitions on major residential subdivisions on individual septic systems)

Senate Bill 236 contains an allowance for counties to seek an exemption to the restriction on major residential subdivisions utilizing septic systems in the Tier IV areas. Frederick County received a Tier IV exemption in May 2013 from the Maryland Department of Planning based on the County’s very limited subdivision potential in its Agricultural and Resource Conservation zoning districts, with yields that result in densities of one (1) dwelling unit (or fewer) per 20 acres. The exemption allows the County to approve major subdivisions, more than 5 lots, in a Tier IV area.

## **II. WATER QUALITY REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**

### **A. EXISTING WATER QUALITY**

The disposal of treated sewage effluent has traditionally been to discharge to some watercourse. More recently, treated effluent has been disposed of by application to the land. Both Emmitsburg and the City of Frederick have utilized land application for a part of their discharge. The degree of treatment that is required at any given treatment facility is determined, to a large extent, by the ability of the receiving water to assimilate the effluent discharge and the potential effects that such a discharge will have on the receiving ecosystem.

#### **1. Monocacy River**

The Monocacy River is a calm, slow moving stream with large seasonal variations in flow. The River drains approximately 970 square miles and has an average flow rate of 931 cubic feet per second (cfs) at Jug Bridge. The River is characterized by shallow streambeds and wide meandering flow patterns. In addition to sediment from non-point sources, nutrient enrichment is a major water quality problem in this River. Effluent from Frederick County's larger treatment plants including the City of Frederick WWTP, are some of the major point sources of nutrient loading. The County's Ballenger-McKinney WWTP was upgraded to provide Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) in 1995 and to Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) in 2014 as part of the construction of the renamed Ballenger-McKinney WWTP. The City of Frederick's Gas House Pike WWTP was upgraded to BNR levels of treatment in 2002. The BNR upgrades and the Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) upgrade that is nearing completion will be accomplished under the Maryland's Bay Restoration program and funding and will further reduce the nutrient loading discharged by these WWTPs to the Monocacy River. In addition, the County has diverted flow from eight (8) small secondary treatment plants to the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP thus increasing the flow subject ENR treatment. These plants are Lake Linganore WWTP and Spring Ridge WWTP—both removed from discharging into Linganore Creek; Pinecliff WWTP and Buckingham Hills WWTP—both removed from direct discharge to the Monocacy River; Libertytown WWTP, New Market WWTP, Reich Ford Landfill Leachate Plant, and Monrovia WWTP removed from direct discharge to Bush Creek.

The Monocacy River does not have an infinite capacity to assimilate wastewater treatment plant discharges. In 1986, the State of Maryland informed Frederick County that the Monocacy River from the Frederick City WWTP to Bennett Creek was "limited in oxygen levels below the State criteria. Because of the calm, slow moving nature of the Monocacy River, oxygen is transferred from air to the River at a slow rate. The slow oxygen transfer rate limits the ability of the River to accept wastewater effluent that has received only secondary levels of treatment". The limited assimilative capacity of the Monocacy River affects discharges at a distance upstream on the major tributaries to the Monocacy main stem. The Emmitsburg, Thurmont, Woodsboro, White Rock, Crestview, Frederick City, Fort Detrick, Ballenger-McKinney, Mill Bottom, and Pleasant Branch are the only large Community sewage treatment plants which discharge into tributaries of the Monocacy or its main stem. Table 4.03 summarizes the existing capacities for all of the community wastewater treatment plants in the County.

#### **2. Catoctin Creek**

The Catoctin Creek drains approximately 121 square miles of mountain and valley terrain known as the Middletown Valley. Although the steep terrain causes the water to be faster moving than the Monocacy River, natural flows in Catoctin Creek are highly variable and have gone as low as 0 cfs (Middletown during summer of 1966). The average discharge of the creek is 73.2 cfs near Jefferson. Five community WWTPs

discharge into Catoctin Creek or its tributaries: Myersville, Middletown West, Middletown East, Fountaindale, and Jefferson.

### **3. Potomac River**

The Potomac River is a fast moving, turbulent waterway that empties into the Chesapeake Bay. The drainage area for the river totals approximately 14,670 square miles including all of Frederick County. The average flow at Point of Rocks is 9,169 cfs (5926 MGD). The Potomac River's turbulent nature and large flow volume make it the County's best choice for meeting future wastewater disposal needs.

Two community WWTPs discharge directly to the Potomac (Brunswick, and Point of Rocks), but both Catoctin Creek and the Monocacy River flow into the Potomac. The County has constructed an outfall directly to the Potomac from the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP for future use when average flows exceed 15 MGD.

### **4. Future Discharge Permits**

The Catoctin Creek has reached its assimilative capacity and permitted loadings (pounds of pollutants discharged to the creek) from existing WWTPs are unlikely to be raised. Any WWTP expansion would involve a corresponding reduction in pollutant concentration. The same holds true for WWTPs discharging to the Monocacy. Only small plants that discharge a fair distance upstream of the City of Frederick may be considered for secondary treatment. Finally, permits for discharges to the Potomac River have recently required the use of enhanced nutrient removal with filters. This is done for the protection of downstream water supplies and the protection of the Chesapeake Bay. To summarize, the majority of new or expanded wastewater treatment plants will need to employ filtration and enhanced nutrient removal to meet strict discharge permits.

The Maryland State General Water Quality Standards and Classification system is described in Chapter 3. In general, the smaller the size of the receiving water the more stringent the requirements will be. This is due to the fact that there is less water available for dilution especially during extended dry periods. Waters that are designated as natural or recreational trout waters will also require more stringent effluent standards than non-trout waters, especially in terms of total residual chlorine allowed. It should be noted here that all surface waters north of US Rt. 40 are designated as natural or recreational trout waters. Stringent chlorine residual standards are imposed on all discharges from existing and new facilities discharging into these streams so that either dechlorination step is added or an alternate disinfection method is used. Low chlorine residuals, those of less than 0.1 mg/l are required for all plants in the county. Some, such as Emmitsburg, are permitted only trace amounts (0.02 mg/l.).

**Table 4.03 County (Regional/Sub-Regional) & Municipal WWTP Capacities and Permitted Discharges into Receiving Streams**

Facility	Permit No.	Receiving Stream	Permit Capacity (MGD)	Design Capacity (MGD)	Average Flow (MGD)	Remaining Capacity (MGD) (1)	Projected Flow 2020 (MGD)	Projected Flow 2030 (MGD)	Projected Flow 2040 (MGD)	Population: Total	Residential Population: Served	Population: Unserved
<b>Monocacy River and Tributaries</b>												
Ballenger-McKinney	16-DP-0809 MD0021822	Monocacy River	15.0	15.0	7.29 <sup>2</sup>	7.70	7.4	9.0	12.0	148,178 (non-municipal population)	80,246 (29,721 accounts)	67.932
Emmitsburg	16-DP-0113 MD0020257	Toms Creek	0.750	0.750	0.500 <sup>5</sup>	0.250	0.500	0.570	0.590	3,137	3,137 (1,021 accounts)	0
Frederick City	12-DP-0801 <sup>7</sup> MD0021610	Monocacy River	8.0	8.0	6.306 <sup>*</sup>	1.694 (2018)	7.43	8.18	8.70	72,481	72,481 (20,111 accounts)	0
Thurmont	16-DP-0639	Hunting Creek	1.0	1.0	0.741 <sup>4</sup>	0.0259	0.741	.0900	0.945	6,752	6,722	30 (11 septic systems)
Pleasant Branch	15-DP-2814 MD0065269	Tributary of Bennett Creek	0.100	0.100	0.056 <sup>2</sup>	0.044	0.056	0.056	0.056	839	839	0
White Rock	12-DP-0278 <sup>8</sup> MD0025089	Tributary of Tuscarora Creek	0.05	0.025	0.015 <sup>2</sup>	0.010	0.015	0.017	0.018	264	264 (98 accounts)	0
Crestview	13-DP-0672 <sup>9</sup> MD0022683	Muddy Run	0.036	0.036	0.049 <sup>2</sup>	-0.013	Capacity Management Plan with MDE			458	313 (116 accounts)	145
Woodsboro	12-DP-1855 MD0058661	Israel Creek	0.250	0.250	0.077	0.173	0.082	0.0895	0.0970	1,240	1,240	0
Mill Bottom	15-DP-2841 MD0065439	Bush Creek	0.100	0.100	0.065 <sup>2</sup>	0.035	0.095	0.098	0.098	1,215	1,195	20
Ft. Detrick	14-DP-2527 MD0020877	Monocacy River	2.0	3.0	0.800	1.200	.880	1.000	1.100	8,330 (employees & base residents)	430	0
Lewistown	15-DP-0730 MD0022900	Fishing Creek	0.027	0.027 <sup>10</sup>	0.0044	0.0176	0.0054	0.0129	0.0204	227	0	227
Mt. St. Mary's Univ.	13-DP-0690 MD0023230	Tom's Crk. Tributary	0.160	0.160	0.060	.100	0.060	0.065	0.070	2,889	2,200 (students)	0
<b>Totals</b>			<b>27.468</b>	<b>28.448</b>	<b>15.96</b>	<b>11.46</b>	<b>17.264</b>	<b>19.98</b>	<b>23.67</b>	<b>246,010</b>	<b>169,097</b>	<b>68,354</b>

Facility	Permit No.	Receiving Stream	Permit Capacity (MGD)	Design Capacity (MGD)	Average Flow (MGD)	Remaining Capacity (MGD) (1)	Projected Flow 2020 (MGD)	Projected Flow 2030 (MGD)	Projected Flow 2040 (MGD)	Population: Total	Residential Population: Served	Population: Unserved
<b>Catoctin Creek</b>												
Jefferson	09-DP-0097 <sup>11</sup> MD0020737	Catoctin Creek	0.300	0.300	0.155 <sup>2</sup>	0.145	0.223	0.225	0.233	2,270	2,270 (834 accounts)	0
Fountaindale	13-DP-0668 <sup>12</sup> MD0022721	Hollow Creek	0.200	0.250	0.172 <sup>2</sup>	0.028	0.172	0.175	0.179	1,712	1,687 (625 accounts)	25
Middletown West	12-DP-0462 <sup>13</sup> MD0024406	Catoctin Creek	0.250	0.250	0.203	0.047	0.378	0.498	0.618	4,688	4,688 (1,691 accounts)	0
Middletown East	13-DP-3182 MD0067628	Hollow Creek	0.250	0.350	0.227	0.123						
Myersville	13-DP-0124 MD0020699	Grindstone Run	0.300	0.300	0.1974 <sup>2</sup>	0.166	0.235	0.312	0.329	1,799	1,799	0
<b>Totals</b>			<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.45</b>	<b>.954</b>	<b>0.509</b>	<b>1.008</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>1.359</b>	<b>10,469</b>	<b>10,444</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Potomac River and Patapsco River (Mt. Airy)</b>												
Mt. Airy	10-DP-0641 <sup>14</sup> MD0022527	Patapsco River	1.2	1.2	0.725 <sup>6</sup>	0.475	0.725	0.800	1.06	3,854	3,819	35
Point of Rocks	15-DP-0482 MD0020800	Potomac River	0.230	0.230	0.1137 <sup>2</sup>	0.093	0.15	0.16	0.17	1,754	1,754 (629 accounts)	0
Brunswick	14-DP-0106 MD0020958	Potomac River	1.400	1.400	0.564 <sup>2</sup>	0.836	0.638	0.900	0.975	6,364	6,324	40 (15 septic systems)
C. William Winebrenner (Wash. Cnty)		Falls Creek	0.600	0.600	0.120	0.480	0.120	0.200	0.450	1,200 (Fred. & Wash Cnty)	1,200	0
<b>Totals</b>			<b>3.43</b>	<b>3.43</b>	<b>1.522</b>	<b>1.884</b>	<b>1.633</b>	<b>2.06</b>	<b>2.655</b>	<b>13,172</b>	<b>13,097</b>	<b>75</b>

Notes:  
Permit Capacity amount is Waste Allocation and is Not a Limiting Factor.

Projections supplied by respective municipalities and County DWSU.

County DWSU decommissioned the following facilities diverting their flow to Ballenger McKinney WWTP: New Market, Monrovia, Landfill Leachate, Pinecliff, Spring Ridge, Lake Linganore, Buckingham Hills, Urbana High School and Libertytown WWTP.

\* 2017-2018, 24-month average. Gas House Pike WWTP Basin.

1. Capacity figures shown are not to be used for capacity allocation purposes
2. Years 2016—2018

4. Years 2015—2018
5. Years 2010—2019
6. Years 2015--2016
7. Permit 18-DP-0801 has been received and is in the permitting process
8. Permit 18-DP-0278 has been received and is in the permitting process

9. Permit 18-DP-0672 has been received and is in the permitting process

10. Current design capacity for the Lewistown WWTP is 22,000 gpd plus 4,990 gpd from Lewistown Mills (Quynn) WWTP for a total of 27,000 gpd.
11. Permit 16-DP-0097 has been received and is in the permitting process
12. Permit 20-DP-0668 has been received and is in the permitting process
13. Permit 18-DP-0462 has been received and is in the permitting process
14. Permit 14-DP-0641 has been received and is in the permitting process

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## **5. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits (NPDES)**

In 1972, Congress passed the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972. The objective of this legislation (P.L. 92-500) amended in 1977 (PL 95-217) is to restore and preserve the integrity of the nation's waters. This act set forth as a national goal that the discharge of pollutants into the navigable waters be eliminated by 1985.

Under this legislation, each state was directed to establish water quality standards for all waters within the State, in accordance with EPA guidelines, and to enforce these standards through the issuance of discharge permits. Existing State Water Quality Standards would remain in force providing they meet the approval of EPA.

Pursuant to these regulations, all point source discharges (sources where a specific outfall can be identified) must apply for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NDPES Permit). These permits are issued and enforced by the Maryland Department of the Environment and specify the allowable ranges for chemical, physical, and biological parameters of discharge. Such parameters may include biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), suspended solids (SS), total residual chlorine, coliform organisms, pH, dissolved oxygen (DO), and in some cases flow, temperature, nitrogen, phosphorus, and industrial by-products.

Each wastewater treatment plant in the County and the municipalities has a NPDES discharge permit issued by the State of Maryland that regulates the amount and concentration of various nutrients and other compounds that can be discharged into waterways. The State also regulates land application of sewage sludge as well as subsurface application of effluent from large-scale septic systems, known as Multi-Use Sewage Systems.

Frederick County Government is further covered under the Phase I NPDES-Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (NPDES MS4) permit program. This program covers stormwater discharges from developed land, separate from discharges of treated sewage effluent and other types of NPDES permits (see chapter 2 for more information on the NPDES program in Frederick County).

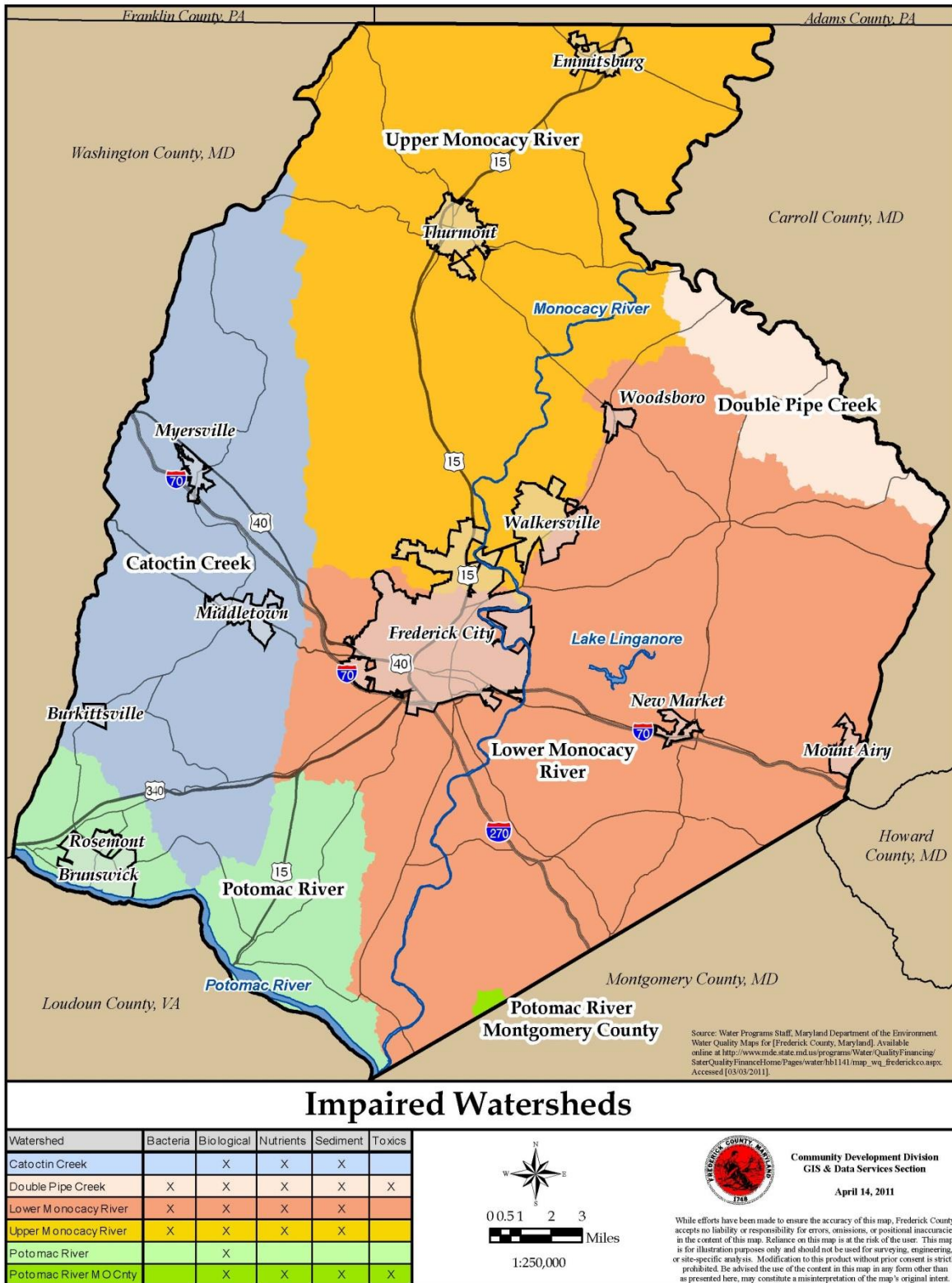
## **6. Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL)**

Waterways with water quality monitoring data suggesting impairment (not meeting State water quality standards) are put on a 303(d) list by MDE and evaluated for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for impairing pollutants. The MDE develops TMDLs for impairing substances in waterbodies with allocations to specific entities, such as NPDES permit holders. These are submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval as part of the Clean Water Act. TMDLs for waterbodies in Frederick County include:

- Catocin Creek: Phosphorus, Sediment
- Double Pipe Creek: Fecal Bacteria, Phosphorus, Sediment
- Lake Linganore: Phosphorus, Sediment
- Lower Monocacy River: Fecal Bacteria, Phosphorus, Sediment
- Potomac River Montgomery County: Sediment
- Upper Monocacy River: Fecal Bacteria, Phosphorus, Sediment

All sectors, such as agriculture, nonpoint sources, septic systems, wastewater permit holders, and MS4 permit holders are assigned load allocations (LAs) or waste load allocations (WLAs) for the impairing substance in each TMDL. Any load above the allocation needs to be reduced to meet the TMDL. The regulatory obligations for compliance within different sectors vary. Frederick County is required by its NPDES MS4 permit to develop plans to meet stormwater WLAs for TMDLs and to put these plans in a schedule. TMDL goals are also written into permits for wastewater treatment plants. Nutrient Management Plans for farms in the agricultural sector have to be consistent with the TMDL. Nonpoint and septic sectors

have goals but regulatory enforcement is not as strong as in other sectors. Frederick County has prepared TMDL Restoration Plans as part of its MS4 permit compliance.



### **III. COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNITY SYSTEMS**

#### **A. CENTRAL FREDERICK SEWERAGE SERVICE AREA**

The Central Frederick Sewerage Service Area covers approximately 63 square miles in the center of the County including the following community growth areas:

- City of Frederick (northern portion only)
- Town of Walkersville
- Ballenger Creek
- Frederick Southeast
- Adamstown/Eastalco
- Buckeystown
- Urbana/I-270 Employment Corridor
- Monrovia
- Town of New Market
- Linganore
- Spring Ridge/Bartonsville
- Libertytown

The Monocacy River Wastewater Treatment Alternatives Study (September, 1987) addressed the need for sewage treatment for anticipated growth in the central Frederick service area through the year 2004. This study was in response to the State's determination that limited assimilative capacity may prevent further increases in treated effluent discharges from the City and County WWTP to the Monocacy River. The solution reached was (1) to continue to discharge the approved amounts from Frederick City's WWTP to the Monocacy and from the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP to the Monocacy, (2) to maximize the capacity of the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP by constructing a raw sewage interceptor between the City's sewage treatment plant and the County's Ballenger WWTP, and (3) discharging the excess of the treated sewage through an outfall to the Potomac River. The solution was identified in the study as Alternative III and often referred to in this shortened form.

The Lower Bush Creek (Urbana) portion of the Monocacy Alternatives Study was revised in 1989 in response to proposals by several developers to serve the Urbana area including portions of the Bennett Creek drainage basin (Urbana Area Water & Sewer Service Alternatives Study, April 1989). One of the alternatives for service of both water and sewer and the one ultimately chosen, was to connect the proposed service area to the Ballenger Creek water and sewer system. This solution was identified in the study as Alternative C.

The County completed the initial phases of Alternative III through the construction, in 1992 and 1993 of a six mile raw sewage conveyance system between the City's Gas House Pike WWTP and the County's Ballenger-McKinney WWTP. In 1995 the County completed an upgrade of the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP from a 2 MGD conventional activated sludge facility to a 6 MGD Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) treatment plant. Under Alternative III subsequent improvements were planned to expand the Ballenger Creek WWTP, to accommodate growth, and the deployment of an outfall line when necessary to convey treated effluent from the expanded facilities at the County's Ballenger Creek WWTP and across the creek on the McKinney site, together referred to as the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP, to the Potomac River.

In 1999, in preparation for the design of the outfall to the Potomac River, the County completed a comprehensive corridor alignment study to construct a 36-inch and 42-inch effluent outfall system (McKinney Outfall) to the Potomac River. Unfortunately the estimated total cost of the outfall was excessive. The County subsequently reevaluated the outfall system and decided to use a phased approach to its deployment. The outfall is being established by converting an existing water transmission line for use as the outfall with subsequent improvements to the effluent line planned coincident with phased construction of the McKinney expansion to the Ballenger WWTP.

The water quality issues of the 1980's regarding pollutant loading to the Monocacy River have been overshadowed by new requirements to significantly limit the nutrients that are discharged in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. These new, very stringent nitrogen and phosphorus discharge limits will require enhanced levels of treatment that may also result in significant reductions in the discharge of conventional pollutants, such as suspended solids and biochemical oxygen demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>).

In 2009, the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP was expanded to 7 MGD capacity. Related flow allocation agreements between the City and County were amended to address changes in the City's growth areas. The Ballenger-McKinney WWTP has also been upgraded to include Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR), consistent with Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Restoration initiatives.

With the completion of the Monocacy Sewage Interceptor and the expansion of the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP to 6 MGD in 1995, the County decommissioned several WWTPs and diverted their respective flows to the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP. The decommissioned facilities, which included the Pinecliff WWTP, Lake Linganore WWTP, Spring Ridge WWTP, and the Buckingham Hills WWTP, eliminated a combined maximum permitted pollutant loading of 159 and 164 lbs. per day for BOD<sub>5</sub> and suspended solids respectively, from the Monocacy River or its tributaries.

As a result of the reduction in pollutant loading originally permitted for discharge into the Monocacy River and its tributaries, and the more stringent ENR discharge standards, it is possible that a higher volume of high quality effluent, from the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP can be discharged directly into the Monocacy River, or it may in the future be discharged to the Potomac through the McKinney outfall. In a similar fashion, when the City of Frederick's Gas House Pike WWTP is upgraded to include ENR levels of treatment, it may be able to increase its treated effluent flow to the Monocacy River.

The County has diverted raw wastewater from the Linganore and Spring Ridge PUD's to the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP through an interceptor constructed by the County in 1993.

In a detailed letter to MDE in February 2006, the County requested discharge-planning limits for the Monocacy River for 7, 13 and 15 MGD flow values. After receiving these planning limits, County consultants determined that the existing WWTP, with only minor improvements, could meet the 7 MGD limits with a proportionate BNR Total Nitrogen (TN) concentration goal of 6.9 mg/l. The consultant's determination will be substantiated by the pilot study at the existing biological reactors in conjunction with the interim improvements for the 7 MGD plant re-rating. They also verified that the proposed membrane bioreactor (MBR) process for the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP would be able to meet the 15 MGD conventional pollutant concentration planning limits as well as the ENR requirements of 3 mg/l TN and 0.3 mg/l TP. The Ballenger-McKinney WWTP has been expanded to 15 MGD, utilizing membrane bioreactors.

Although the County has constructed components of the necessary infrastructure to establish the Potomac River Treated Outfall system, the existing effluent outfall to the Monocacy River will be adequate for use by the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP until the facility exceeds existing conventional pollutant loading limits for the Monocacy River. This requirement was specifically detailed in revisions to Chapter 3 and 4 of the County's Water and Sewer Amendment WS-05-03 approved in 2006.

1. Frederick County's Ballenger-McKinney WWTP has a combined nutrient loading allocation based on an 18 MGD average daily design flow. MDE has allocated Frederick County's Ballenger-McKinney WWTP a combined Chesapeake Bay nutrient loading allocation of 219,280 lbs. /yr. total nitrogen and 16,446 lbs. /year total phosphorus, based on an 18 MGD average daily design flow. The combined 18 MGD capacity and nutrient loading allocations are based on previously approved Ballenger WWTP capacity of 6 MGD and nutrient loading allocation of 73,093 lbs. /yr. total nitrogen and 5,482 lbs. /yr. total phosphorus, as well as previously planned 12 MGD McKinney WWTP and nutrient load allocation of 146,187 lbs. /yr. total nitrogen and 10,964 lbs. /yr. total Phosphorus. The proposed 7 MGD and 15 MGD WWTP capacity values discussed represent a portion of the 18 MGD nutrient allocation recognized by MDE for the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP.

2. The water quality issues associated with limiting wastewater effluent flow and pollutant load to the Monocacy River have been overshadowed by the requirements to significantly limit the nutrients that are discharged in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. These new very stringent nitrogen and phosphorus discharge limits will require enhanced levels of treatment that will also result in significant reductions in the discharge of conventional pollutants. The proposed treatment technology that will be used to upgrade the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP will result in no additional discharge of pollutant(s) mass than that which is currently permitted for the existing Ballenger Creek WWTP discharge to the Monocacy River.
3. Based on the County's 2005 Ballenger-McKinney WWTP Facility Plan, the County's Ballenger-McKinney WWTP expansion is able to treat up to 15.0 MGD with a discharge to the Monocacy River. Future expansion beyond 15 MGD may be diverted to the Potomac River through the County's Potomac River outfall system, subject to acquisition of the necessary permits.
4. Since the 1987 Monocacy River Wastewater Treatment Alternatives Study was completed, the County has pursued the diversion of flow from minor treatment facilities (those facilities with a design capacity less than 0.5 MGD), to the Ballenger WWTP where BNR levels of treatment currently exist. These Frederick County WWTP decommissioning projects have facilitated the reduction in both conventional and nutrient pollutant loading to the Monocacy River and the Chesapeake Bay. To date, Frederick County has decommissioned the following WWTPs, diverting their flow to the Ballenger-McKinney ENR facility.
  - a. Lake Linganore WWTP (NPDES Permit MD0053376)
  - b. Spring Ridge WWTP (NPDES Permit MD0062324)
  - c. Pinecliff WWTP (NPDES Permit MD0022888)
  - d. Buckingham Hills WWTP (NPDES Permit MD0059382)
  - e. Urbana High School WWTP (NPDES Permit MD0066940)
  - f. Libertytown WWTP (NPDES Permit MD0060577)
  - g. Reich's Ford Road Landfill WTP (NPDES Permit MD0061093)
  - h. New Market WWTP (NPDES Permit MD0020729)
  - i. Monrovia WWTP (NPDES Permit MD0059609)
5. Based on the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP facility plan, the ENR improvements to 15 MGD will limit conventional pollutant loading to the Monocacy River at current permitted levels, with TN and TP loading levels at or below the state ENR goals.
6. The Ballenger-McKinney WWTP is the County's primary WWTP, owned and operated by Frederick County/DWSU. It is a separate wastewater system, with no components of the wastewater system combined with stormwater conveyance, treatment, or discharge. The phased construction of the project, which included the construction of a bridge across Ballenger Creek, effectively created one large single treatment complex that will provide the best available technology to meet ENR treatment requirements. This single facility will initially use the existing Monocacy River outfall, but will also have the ability to divert treated effluent to the Potomac River through a 10.2-mile outfall system. The Potomac River outfall will allow the County to expand in the future based on loading requirements.
7. The County believes that in concert with the upgraded Ballenger-McKinney WWTP, an opportunity exists to further reduce nutrient loading to the Chesapeake Bay from Frederick County's existing sub-regional WWTPs, through the decommissioning of these systems. Flow diversions associated with County WWTP decommissioning, have consumed treatment capacity in the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP.

Therefore, additional treatment capacity at the existing Ballenger-McKinney WWTP to replace the lost treatment plant capacity associated with the minor facilities needs to be established. These *minor* treatment plants have not been required to provide ENR, or for that matter, BNR levels of treatment. However, by decommissioning these facilities and diverting their wastewater flow to the County's Ballenger-McKinney WWTP, which has ENR treatment levels, the County has reduced TN and TP levels in the aggregate treated wastewater discharged to the Monocacy River and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

## **1. CITY OF FREDERICK SYSTEM**

### **Existing Facilities**

Frederick City owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant located off Gas House Pike near the confluence of Carroll Creek and the Monocacy River. Flow from the County's customers in areas north of the City and the County northwest of the City and from the Town of Walkersville are conveyed to the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP through the County's Monocacy River Pressure Sewer system constructed in 1993. The City's system is a separate wastewater system, with no components combined with stormwater conveyance, treatment, or discharge.

The City's WWTP has a treatment capacity of 8.0 MGD based on effluent parameters established by the Maryland Department of the Environment. An equalization basin is provided at the facility to level out peak flows, and from which the flow from the City Basin to the north and the County customers is diverted to the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP for treatment.

The City's 8.0 mgd wastewater treatment plant incorporates the following features for BNR treatment: influent pumping station with mechanically cleaned bar screens and flow metering; two centrifugal grit removers, four primary settling tanks, three aeration/clarification basins; sand filter with eight filter cells; disinfection tank, and post-aeration tank. Residual solids processing consists of two dissolved air floatation thickening tanks, a heat exchanger utilizing methane gas, a complete-mix anaerobic digester, a second-stage anaerobic digester and two belt filter presses for dewatering. Treated effluent up to 0.30 mgd is used for irrigation purposes on the municipal golf course on the east side of the Monocacy River when weather permits.

The plant, located above the 100-year floodplain elevation, has been in service for over 45 years. Improvements to the plant to comply with requirements of the MDE Enhanced Nutrient Removal program are currently nearing completion. The condition of the treatment system and transmission lines are considered by the City Engineering Department to be in fair to good condition, with normal wear and tear and age-related issues being addressed as necessary.

The City is served by three major interceptors: Gas House Pike and Carroll Creek interceptors, which serve the majority of the central and western portions of the City and the Monocacy Interceptor which conveys wastewater from the northern section, including flow from the County customers to the north and Walkersville. A metering device located at the City's water treatment plant records flow from the predominately county portion of this interceptor. Several pumping stations lift flow over higher elevations toward gravity interceptors. Among these are the Amber Meadow Meadows Pump Station, Monarch Ridge Pump Station, Patrick Street Pump Station and Rosenstock (Riverside Park) Pump Station. Several individual lots also must rely on privately-owned pumping facilities and force mains.

There are also two industrial waste treatment facilities which pre-treat waste prior to discharge into the City sewer system. These are owned and operated by Dairy Maid and the Capital Milk Producers Cooperative.

## **Existing and Future Demand**

As shown in Tables 4.03 and 4.04, the demand for City sewer service continues to increase at a gradual rate in keeping with the corresponding water demand as new development occurs within the City's growth boundary. However, the amount of available sewage treatment capacity is approaching the point in the foreseeable future where allocation may no longer be available, especially in the northern Basin which is treated by Frederick County at the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP. The City and County have drafted an agreement for additional capacity to be provided for growth in the northern Basin at the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP with the current sewer shed conveyance system study.

Similar to the water system, the City has pursued an aggressive program to reduce leakage, known as Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) within the older sections of the sewer piping system. This program will reduce the amount of future treatment capacity required by eliminating unnecessary flow from entering the piping network.

**Table 4.04 Frederick City Wastewater Treatment**

<b>Treatment Facility</b>	<b>System Design Treatment Capacity (GPD)</b>	<b>Current Treatment Demand (GPD)</b>
City of Frederick Gas House Pike WWTP	8,000,000	6,306,000 <sup>1</sup>
Ballenger-McKinney WWTP (portion allocated for use by the City of Frederick)	1,028,000	956,040

1. 2017-2018 2-year average

## **Planned Improvements**

The Water and Sewer Master Plan by Chester Engineers (2000) has guided the improvements made to the City sewer system for the past 18 years. An update to the sewer portion of the plan by the City is underway and scheduled to be completed by early 2019.

The City and County have jointly funded a study to determine the capacity of the Monocacy Interceptor from its origination near Walkersville to its outfall at the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP. The analysis has been completed and the final report contains recommendations for improvements to the conveyance system based on growth in demand from areas that are tributary to the line. A majority of the costs for this study have been, and the upgrades recommended in it are expected to be, reimbursed from developers of property using the line for conveyance.

As mentioned above, the City is near complete with improvements to the Gas House Pike WWTP for ENR but the ability to expand treatment capacity at this time is not deemed to be possible. Current usage of the plant for City customer treatment is approximately 80% of the plant's 8.0 mgd capacity. Customers in the northern section of the City are served through a system of County-maintained collection lines and, through the Monocacy Interceptor, to the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP. Currently, per an agreement with Frederick County, the City is provided with 1.028 mgd of treatment capacity from this basin, of which approximately 93% is being utilized or has been allocated. With the expansion of the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP, the City has invested funding and will gain additional treatment capacity to serve future City customers in the northern basin.

## **Septic Problem Areas**

Several subdivisions in and near the City which currently utilize on-lot septic systems have experienced reported failures in the recent past. These subdivisions, which are to the north and west of the City include Sunset Hills, Indian Springs, Boot-Jack Springs, Mt. Laurel Estates, Brookmere, Edgewood, Rocky Spring Road, Old Receiver Road, Clover Hill and Grove Hill. On-lot rehabilitation has been recommended for these in a study performed in 1982, but system growth since that time has brought the collection system closer and annexation with subsequent connection to the sewer system may be more feasible for most areas listed to be in need. However, timely procurement of additional treatment capacity is required to serve not only these areas of development, but also the needs of planned development within the basin.

## **2. MONOCACY COLLECTION SYSTEM**

The Monocacy collection system is a County owned system which transports wastewater through a portion of the City's sewage collection system to the City's Gas House Pike WWTP, where it is then pumped to the County's Ballenger-McKinney WWTP for treatment. Operation of the collection system started in 1968 and has grown throughout the years to include the Town of Walkersville, Discovery PUD, Spring Garden Estates, and Dublin Estates, and recently annexed portions of the City of Frederick. The Tuscarora Interceptor collects the area west of the Monocacy River including Clover Hill, Waterside and the City subdivisions of Tuscarora Knolls, Worman's Mill, Clover Ridge, North Crossing, Canon Bluff, and Dearbought.

### **Existing Facilities**

The Monocacy collection system utilizes eight pumping stations to transfer flows to the Frederick City system. The largest of these is the 10.4 MGD (peak) Ceresville pumping station, which handles the majority of the flow sent from this collection system to Frederick City's Gas House Pike WWTP. From there, the City diverts a metered portion of County sewage to the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP per the 1990 City/County Agreement as amended. However, the County is currently constructing a pump station, due for completion in January 2020, which will divert County wastewater flows around the City system. Its related force main has been completed. The other large pumping station is located on College Run, which handles the northeast portion of Walkersville.

Other pumping stations on the Walkersville Interceptor are the Discovery and MD 194 stations. The Tuscarora and Walkersville Interceptors are 10 to 36-inch diameter RCP.

### **Planned Improvements**

Growth downstream of the Ceresville pumping station is dominated by the Dearbought and Market Square developments and the Riverside industrial/office development in the City limits. Flows from these projects are pumped into the Monocacy Interceptor.

**Table 4.05 County Pumping Stations**

Service Area	Sewage Pump Station	No. of Pumps	Capacity Of Each Pump (GPD)*	Force Main Size (in.)	Average Day Pumping (GPD)
Ballenger	Buckingham Hills	2	468,000	6	66,300
Ballenger	Decatur Dr. [Greenhill Manor]	2	158,400	4	22,500
Ballenger	Doubs Rd.	2	792,000	8	63,650
Ballenger	Adamstown/ New Design Rd.	2	1,008,000	6 & 8	116,000
Ballenger	Stuart Mechanic	2	403,200	6	23,800
Jefferson	Briercrest	2	144,000	4	4,000
Jefferson	Shelburn Ct./Cambridge Farms	2	198,720	4	24,000
Jefferson	Milford Ct./Copperfield	2	34,560	2	1,750
Jefferson	Rt. 340/Ruritan Club	2	273,600	6	11,400
Linganore	Ben's Branch	2	2,550,240	16	300,000
Linganore	Boyers Mill Rd.	2	4,197,600	16	550,000
Linganore	Holly Hills	2	144,000	4	12,000
Linganore	Royal Oaks (New Market II)	2	285,120	4	71,200
Linganore	Quaker Way [Royal Oaks II]	2	119,520	4	17,400
Linganore	Rt. 144	2	396,000	6	71,100
Linganore	Summerfield	2	440,640	6	29,600
Linganore	Talbot Drive(New Market I)	2	201,600	4	26,000
Linganore	Westwinds Pool	2	54,720	2	912
Linganore	Westwinds	2	115,200	4	19,200
Monocacy	Ceresville	3	1,400,000 (2 pumps)	16 (2)	2,185,600
Linganore	Tallyn Ridge	2	604,800	6	17,650
Libertytown	Libertytown	2	720,000	10	52,500
Libertytown	Liberty Village	2	50,400	2	5,500
Middletown	Limestone Lane (Fountaindale)	2	129,600	4	9,800
Mill Bottom	Manor Terrace	2	255,000	6	15,400
Mill Bottom	Turf Ct.	2	37,440	2	2,400
Monocacy	Crum Rd.	2	144,000	4	6,000
Monocacy	Dearbought Ct.	2	792,000	8	116,500
Monocacy	Discovery	2	720,000	6	78,000
Monocacy	MD 194	2	554,400	6	96,400
Urbana	Urbana North Regional	2	1,533,600	12	39,000
Monocacy	Monocacy (under construction)**	3	6,000,000	24	N/A
Walkersville	College Run	2	1,987,200	12	800,000

\*Capacity of each pump in GPD based upon design GPM x 1,440

\*\*Total Capacity is 12 MGD with 2 pumps on

**Table 4.05a Sewer Interceptors**

Sewer Interceptor	Diameter (in)	Average Daily Flow (MGD)	Peak Capacity (MGD)**
Ballenger Creek	36	2.65	23.60
Buckeystown	30	0.07	9.00
Bush Creek/Urbana*	30	1.08	14.40
Linganore Creek*	30	1.60	9.90
Monocacy (Upper)	36	2.40	20.20
Monocacy (Lower) (Pressure)	48	5.12	19.70
Tuscarora Creek	30	0.98	9.90

\* contains pressure sewer and gravity sewer

\*\* peak capacity based upon largest pipe size at lowest slope or design HGL for pressure sewers

### **3. BALLENGER CREEK SEWERAGE SYSTEM**

The Ballenger Creek Sewerage System serves the following Community Growth Areas (CGA's) as designated in the County Comprehensive Plan.

- Ballenger Creek
- Frederick Southeast
- Urbana/I270 Employment Corridor
- Adamstown
- Buckeystown

#### **Ballenger Creek**

The Ballenger Creek service area is located south of the City of Frederick and centers on the I-270 corridor. This area, along with the City, has the highest concentration of industrial and commercial development in the County. The commercial/industrial developments include Westview Corporate Campus, Omega Center, McKinney Industrial Park, Bowman Plains, Wedgewood Industrial Park, Westview South MXD, and the Westview Promenade shopping center.

The Ballenger Creek CGA also includes a significant concentration of medium and high-density residential developments. Subdivisions include Crestwood/Mountain Village, Kingsbrook, Farmbrook, Foxcroft, Hannover, Stuart Mechanic, Ballenger Creek Meadows, Robin Meadows, Wellington Trace, Linton, Ballenger Crossing and Countryside. As of December 2018 there was a pipeline (approved but not built) of 1,439 dwellings and a vacant land potential for approximately 180 dwellings. The projected population at build out of the growth area will be approximately 25,745.

### **Frederick Southeast**

This community growth area includes lands bounded by I-270, I-70, and the Monocacy River. The primary development area is referred to as the MD 85/355 corridor, which includes the area bounded by I-270, the Larfarge quarry, and I-70. This corridor includes approximately 5.2 million square feet of existing building area comprised of commercial/retail, office/industrial, motels, and auto related uses. The MD 85/355 corridor is also targeted as a primary redevelopment area, which may increase the total amount of development and may also introduce residential uses.

### **Urbana/I-270 Employment Corridor**

The Urbana community growth area includes the Villages of Urbana/Urbana Highlands PUD, the Urbana Town Center MXD, the Urbana Office/Research Center MXD and the I-270 Employment Corridor. In 2017 proposed employment uses in the Urbana Town Center MXD and the Urbana Office/Research Center MXD were replaced with residential uses.

### **Adamstown**

Adamstown was originally planned for independent future service WWTPs. One industry (Trans Tech) in Adamstown currently has a multi-use WWTP which discharges to Tuscarora Creek South. Trans Tech will be shifting from its multi-use system to the community system once the County constructs a new sewer line through the older part of Adamstown. The existing subdivisions, Green Hill Manor and Adamstown Commons as well as the proposed Carroll Manor PUD, are pumped to the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP. The older part of the community of Adamstown is planned to be served at that WWTP in the future.

### **Buckeystown**

The Buckeystown community is currently served by individual septic systems. Several of these systems are located in the 100-year floodplain. Only two developments in the community are currently served by the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP, the Buckingham Hills subdivision and Buckingham's Choice retirement/assisted living facility.

### **Existing Facilities**

The existing Ballenger-McKinney WWTP is a 15.0 MGD ENR treatment facility. Although a majority of flow enters the plant by gravity, the sewage collection system tributary to the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP includes 7 sewage pump stations. The main interceptors for the collection system were installed in 1971 and are 10 inches to 36 inches RCP.

### **Existing & Future Demand**

The current demand is 60% (.447 MGD) Commercial/Industrial and 40% (.298 MGD) Residential. The average per capita flow per day (gpcd), when the total flow is divided by the population, is 127 gpd.

## **4. LAKE LINGANORE/SPRING RIDGE/BARTONSVILLE**

This service area is comprised of three separate community growth areas as designated in the County Comprehensive Plan. The Spring Ridge/Bartonsville growth area includes the Spring Ridge PUD, and the Bartonsville area south of MD 144. This growth area also includes some surrounding low density residential areas. The Linganore growth area includes the Eaglehead/Linganore PUD, the Greenview PUD and other low density areas along Old National Pike. The third growth area is Holly Hills, which includes the golf course and surrounding residential developments between Ijamsville Rd. and Mussetter Rd.

### **Existing Facilities**

The Spring Ridge WWTP and the Lake Linganore WWTP have been decommissioned and the flow diverted to the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP. The collection system utilizes five pumping stations. The Boyer's Mill Road pumping station, upgraded in 2009, serves the Pinehurst, Nightingale, Westwinds and Lake Anita Louise parts of the Linganore PUD. The Summerfield pumping station, built in 1990, serves

the southern portion of the Summerfield section. Three pumping stations serve Westwinds and a future pool. The replacement/expansion of Bens Branch Sewage Pumping Station was completed in 2009. Bens Branch also receives flow from the Libertytown service area. The two remaining on-site pump stations were built in 1991 and 1992.

The Linganore Creek Interceptor, located along Linganore Creek, transports wastewater from the Spring Ridge and Lake Linganore areas to the Monocacy Interceptor for delivery to the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP. This interceptor receives flows from two existing branch interceptors along Fouche' and Long Branches.

The remaining service area in Bartonsville not drained by gravity to the Linganore Creek Interceptor, is collected for discharge directly to the Monocacy Interceptor. The original conveyance system installed in the early 1970's consisted of clay pipe. Recently constructed sections are PVC sewer lines. The steep terrain has resulted in the presence of pipelines with very steep (10-30%) slopes. Several siphons (depressed sewers) can also be found in this system.

### **Existing and Future Demand**

The existing lines through the Spring Ridge PUD to the Linganore Interceptor can accommodate future flows from the Bartonsville area south of MD 144, which flow toward Linganore Creek.

The three community growth areas in this service area have the potential for an additional 5,834 dwellings that are approved but not built and another 1,168 dwellings in vacant land. The estimated population of these communities at complete build out is approximately 34,500.

## **5. FT. DETRICK**

Fort Detrick, located within the Frederick City limits, is an U.S. Army Installation Management Command (IMCOM) facility. The U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Detrick, provides sustainable base operations support, quality of life programs, and environmental stewardship to facilitate the sustainment of vital national interests. Fort Detrick supports five cabinet-level agencies: The Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, department of Agriculture, Department of Homeland Security and Department of Health and Human Services. Within the Department of Defense, Fort Detrick supports elements of all four military services. Major Department of the Army mission partners include the U.S. Army medical Research and Materiel Command and 21<sup>st</sup> Signal Brigade. The primary missions at Fort Detrick are biomedical research and development, medical logistics and materiel management and global DoD telecommunications.

Fort Detrick-Frederick consists of four separate parcels of land designated as Area A, Area B and two parcels that make up Area C. Fort Detrick-Frederick encompasses approximately 1,212 acres, including 69 acres in Area A owned and operated by Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research (FNLCR).

### **Existing Facilities**

Fort Detrick owns and operates its own Wastewater Treatment Plan (WWTP) and sanitary wastewater collection system. All sanitary waste generated at the installation is treated at the Fort Detrick WWTP, with discharge to the Monocacy River. The current population served is approximately 430 on-site residents and 7,900 employees.

The Ft. Detrick WWTP was upgraded in 2011 with enhanced nutrient removal (ENR) technologies to reduce nutrients entering the Monocacy River and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. The Fort Detrick Discharge Permit (State Discharge Permit No. 08-DP-2527) requires ENR treated effluent limitations of 4.0 mg/L of total nitrogen (annual loading rate of 24,364 lbs.) and 0.3 mg/L of total phosphorous (annual

loading rate of 1,827 lbs.) beginning July 1, 2011. The Ft. Detrick WWTP is permitted to discharge a maximum 2.0 million gallons a day of treated sanitary sewage to the Monocacy River.

The facility uses mechanical grit removal and screening systems, a flow handling structure which operates as a pump station, an oxidation ditch, secondary anoxic basins, secondary clarifiers, a flocculation basin, filtration units, ultraviolet disinfection, sludge digesters, and sewage sludge dewatering equipment. The administrative and laboratory building has been certified in for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver.

#### **Planned Improvements**

Planned improvements to the Ft. Detrick WWTP and collection system include: repairs to deteriorating collection and conveyance piping; upgrades to force main piping from the installation to the WWTP; and upgrades and enhancements to the WWTP Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system.

**Table 4.06 Fort Detrick Wastewater Treatment**

	<b>CY 2014</b>	<b>CY 2015</b>	<b>CY 2016</b>	<b>CY 2017</b>
Daily Average (MGD)	0.808	0.780	0.887	0.800
Annual Total (gallons)	295,004,000	285,913,000	324,306,000	292,233,000

**Table 4.07 Fort Detrick Wastewater Treatment**

<b>Treatment Facility</b>	<b>System Design Treatment Capacity (GPD)</b>	<b>Current Treatment Demand (GPD)</b>
Ft. Detrick WWTP Permit No. 14-DP-2527 <sup>1</sup> Monocacy River Discharge	2.0 MGD	0.80 MGD (2017 average)

<sup>1</sup>Permit No. 18-DP-2527 currently in the permitting process

## **B. NEW MARKET/MONROVIA SERVICE AREA**

The New Market/Monrovia service area is comprised of two community growth areas, the Town of New Market Municipal Growth Area and the Monrovia Unincorporated Growth Area. This service area is expected to see industrial and commercial development in addition to residential development.

### **Existing Facilities**

The Bush Creek Interceptor is now completed, with its terminus at New Market. It conveys flows from the New Market and Monrovia Community Growth Areas to the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP.

The New Market WWTP was taken off-line in 2015 with flows diverted to the Bush Creek Interceptor with treatment at the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP.

There are two pumping stations serving the New Market system. The MD 144 pumping station was built in 1966 and served the western portion of the Town until September 2000 when the flow from the west end was diverted to the Monrovia WWTP. There are two sewage pumping stations within New Market West and pump to the MD 144 pumping station.

The Monrovia WWTP was taken off-line in early 2015, with flows diverted to the Bush Creek Interceptor with treatment at the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP.

### **Existing and Future Demand**

The New Market community growth area includes the Town of New Market and surrounding county developments including New Market West, Woodspring, and the Meadows. The Town's 2018 population was estimated at 728. The entire growth area including land within the Town has the potential for an additional 1,243 dwellings in the pipeline and in vacant land. There is also approximately 541 acres of undeveloped commercial/employment land within the New Market community growth area. The total projected population with build out of the current growth area is approximately 4,732.

The Monrovia growth area is currently comprised of the Landsdale PUD which is approved for 1,100 dwellings. The Landsdale development is under construction with 595 remaining unbuilt dwellings.

## **C. LIBERTYTOWN SERVICE AREA**

The Libertytown Service Area is approximately 0.5 sq. mi. in size encompassing the unincorporated community of Libertytown which is designated as a community growth area in the County's Comprehensive Plan. Located at the intersection of MD 26, and MD 75, the community has a 2018 population of 966.

### **Existing Facilities**

The Libertytown WWTP was built by the County in 1986 with a capacity of 45,000 gpd. It was built to alleviate a situation of failing septic systems and old septic systems on small lots. Completion of a pump station and force main in 2008 effectively "replaced" the WWTP and allows for conveyance of the wastewater flows for treatment at the Ballenger-McKinney WWTP via a denied access force main along MD 75 connecting into the Lingnore collection system.

### **Existing and Future Demands**

Libertytown's estimated population in 2018 was 966. There is a potential for an additional 626 dwellings and a projected population at build out of approximately 2,700. However, the ultimate build out will be greatly affected by the amount of groundwater available in the local watershed.

### **Planned Improvements**

The WWTP was previously operating at its design capacity. To provide additional capacity, the County has diverted raw wastewater from the Libertytown area, via a pump station and 10-inch force main to the

County's Lake Linganore collection system, which is tributary to the County's Ballenger-McKinney WWTP. This diversion eliminates the WWTP's outfall into Town Branch, a tributary of Linganore Creek. This diversion also allowed connection of the Linganore High School which had a failing septic system which was being pumped out daily. With this exception, the planned pumped conveyance system will be *Denied Access* between the two growth areas. As an interim to the construction of the 300,000 gpd pump station, the County has upgraded the existing influent pump station to provide an average day capacity of 180,000 gpd. The ultimate permanent pump station will be built by developers to accommodate ultimate flows from the Mill Creek, Mayne property, Daysville Glen developments.

## **D. FOUNTAINDALE**

The 2010 County Comprehensive Plan designated Fountaindale as its own community growth area separate from the adjoining Town of Middletown. Fountaindale is located on the western slope of the Catoctin Mountain just east of Middletown. It is comprised of several residential subdivisions that were developed in the 1970's. There is also a cluster of commercial uses at the intersection of Hollow Rd. and US 40-A. Its 2018 population is estimated at 1,794.

### **Existing Facilities**

The Fountaindale WWTP is a 250,000-gallon per day (gpd) Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) that was reconstructed in 2008. It is owned and operated by Frederick County as a separate wastewater system, with no components combined with stormwater conveyance, treatment, or discharge.

One pumping station serves the Fountaindale collection system, built around 1968. The existing conveyance system is composed of 8 and 12-inch clay and PVC pipe installed in the 1970's. The conveyance system renovation was completed in 2006. The pump station is currently being upgraded.

### **Existing and Future Demand**

The County acquired Fountaindale Services, a private water and wastewater utility, in 1983. From 1983 to 1995 the County (DWSU) made numerous small improvements to the water and wastewater infrastructure. The Fountaindale wastewater treatment plant has current capacity of 250,000 gallons per day (gpd) and a permitted capacity of 200,000 gpd. Fountaindale has the potential for an additional 27 dwellings and has 8 acres of undeveloped commercial land.

### **Planned Improvements**

The County's DWSU replaced the existing plant with a new 0.250 MGD facility. In 2006, DWSU completed a comprehensive rehabilitation of the Fountaindale sewage collection system involving major replacements of portions of the original sewer system. These improvements have reduced I&I flows in this sewage collection system.

Braddock Heights is an older community located along Ridge Road, east of Fountaindale. The southern section has been experiencing septic problems for some years. The houses affected number around 70. The Fountaindale service area is located less than 1,000 ft. from Braddock heights. It is recommended that the septic problem area be served by the Fountaindale WWTP. A small pump station would be required to serve the eastern half of Braddock Heights.

## **E. JEFFERSON SERVICE AREA**

Jefferson, which is unincorporated, is designated as a community growth area. Existing development includes the subdivisions of Briercrest Heights, Copperfield, Woodbourne Manor and Cambridge Farms as well as several commercial uses along MD 180 and Lander Rd.

### **Existing Facilities**

The first Jefferson WWTP and collection system was built in 1968 and had a capacity of 0.075 MGD. Following several small WWTP expansion projects, the treatment plant received a comprehensive upgrade and expansion to its present capacity of 0.300 MGD in 1995, utilizing Intermittent Cycle Extended Aeration (ICEAS). The current plant is owned and operated by Frederick County as a separate wastewater system, with no system components combined with stormwater conveyance, treatment, or discharge.

The Jefferson WWTP collection system includes three pumping stations serving (i) portions of the Copperfield subdivision (ii) the Briercrest SPS which was built in 1968 serves a portion of the Briercrest subdivision and (iii) the Cambridge Farms pumping station, which was built in 1993.

The collection system tributary to the Jefferson WWTP is comprised of 8-inch through 12-inch clay and PVC pipe. The WWTP outfall conveys treated effluent to Catoctin Creek.

### **Existing and Future Demand**

The population of the service area is currently 2,254 and is projected to reach approximately 3,800 at build out of the current community growth area. There is the potential for an additional 630 dwellings. The plant receives an average daily flow of 155,000 gpd, which leaves an excess capacity of 145,000 gpd. However, based upon the projected growth of the area located between Briercrest Heights and Copperfield, the current plant capacity may not be sufficient to serve the build out population. However, the availability of groundwater may limit the ultimate growth in the service area.

### **Planned Improvements**

The Lander Road and Meadow Drive pumping stations are planned to be converted to submersible pumps.

## **F. POINT OF ROCKS SERVICE AREA**

Point of Rocks is an unincorporated community located in southern Frederick County and is bounded by the Potomac River to the south and the Catoctin Mountains to the west. It is designated as a community growth area with low density residential, commercial and industrial uses.

### **Existing Facilities**

The Point of Rocks wastewater treatment system was constructed in 1980 and 1981, and is owned and operated by Frederick County DWSU as a separate wastewater system, with no system components combined with stormwater conveyance, treatment, or discharge. The Point of Rocks WWTP is a 230,000 gpd extended aeration plant discharging into the Potomac River. It currently has no difficulties meeting permit requirements. The plant receives an average daily flow of 137,000 gpd.

All flow in the service area travels to the plant by gravity. The original 1981 collection system is composed of 8-inch and 10-inch DIP. Additions to the system are 8-inch ACP, PVC, or DIP. The average flow per capita equates to 80 gpcd, giving no indication of excess infiltration or inflow.

### **Existing and Future Demand**

Point of Rocks currently has a 2018 population of 1,754 and is essentially built out with the completion of the Canal Run development. It has vacant land potential for another 4 dwellings. There are approximately 16 acres of undeveloped commercial and industrial land within the growth area. The WWTP has an excess capacity of 49,500 gpd, which should be sufficient to handle the expected population and the commercial & industrial demand.

### **Planned Improvements**

Ultraviolet Disinfection was added in 2014 and the WWP influent pump station motor control center (MCC) was replaced in 2016.

## **IV. MUNICIPAL COMMUNITY SYSTEMS**

### **1. CITY OF BRUNSWICK/KNOXVILLE**

The Brunswick/Knoxville Service Area is served by the City of Brunswick. In addition to the municipality, the service area includes the community of Knoxville located approximately one mile west of Brunswick and the New Addition subdivision just west of the City, along the north side of Knoxville Rd. (MD 478). The Knoxville and New Addition communities were connected to the Brunswick system in 1991 to address failing septic systems.

#### **Existing Facilities**

The City of Brunswick constructed the current wastewater treatment plant in 1972, which was expanded in 1990. It is a separate wastewater system, with no components combined with stormwater conveyance, treatment or discharge. In 2008 the plant was further upgraded and expanded from 700,000 GPD to a design capacity of 1.4 MGD. This is the first WWTP in the County to be upgraded with the Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) treatment system. Secondary treatment is provided using the contact stabilization method of activated sludge treatment followed by chlorination and CO<sub>2</sub>. The WWTP discharges directly to the Potomac River 10.2 miles upstream from the County's New Design Road WTP intake and is 1,050 ft. downstream from Brunswick's water treatment plant intake.

The collection system has 72,500 ft. of 8-inch, 10-inch, and 12-inch lines. The main pumping station, located along Potomac Street, has been upgraded with three variable speed (0-1600gpm) pumps, two of which are required for service and the third will function as backup. The system includes a lift station with a 400 gpm average capacity and 1,150 gpm peak flow capacity. A sewer pump station was constructed in 2003 to provide sewer service to the Galyn Manor subdivision (280 residential homes). The station is equipped with two Gorman-Rupp, two series mode, wastewater pumps. Each series system has a capacity of 300 gpm @ 162 ft. TDH. The condition of the lines is good as they were updated with the renovation of the WWTP to ENR. Inflow and infiltration is a priority maintenance effort each year to minimize stormwater and groundwater from entering the system. The City estimates that transmission lines are in a fair to good condition at this time.

For the Knoxville and New Addition areas, the County installed a low-pressure grinder pump system consisting of 1-1/2 inch to 4-inch PVC low-pressure mains in which discharge into the Brunswick collection system. The wastewater flow contributed via this low pressure sewer system to the Brunswick WWTP is governed by the Joint Use Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and Brunswick, dated August 22, 1990.

#### **Existing and Future Demand**

The City's estimated population as of July 2018 was 6,364. The average wastewater flow is approximately 0.55 MGD from 2,920 sewer connections. The New Addition and Knoxville areas currently have 125 residences/properties connected to the system. Under agreement with the County there is 100,000 gpd of treatment and conveyance capacity reserved for Knoxville/ New Addition and the Village of Rosemont. Rosemont does not have any sewer service at this time.

The Brunswick Crossing development, which was annexed in 2002, is approved for a total of 1,505 dwellings and as of December 2018 approximately 606 dwellings have been constructed/permitted. The total projected average daily wastewater flow from Brunswick Crossing is estimated to be 376,250 gpd based on 250 gpd/dwelling.

The City expects total demand to reach approximately 1.5 MGD by 2030. Since the existing WWTP cannot be expanded due to its location along the C&O Canal the City anticipates the need for a second WWTP on

the eastern side of the City. This planned facility is referenced in the City's 2010 Master Plan. Any new WWTP or increase in loads from a WWTP may need to acquire additional nutrient credits through trading or offset activities.

### **Planned Improvements**

- Address approximately 15 existing septic systems within the City limits and to connect them to the public system.
- Continue to map and address inflow & infiltration issues to reduce stormwater entering the sewer system.

## **2. TOWN OF EMMITSBURG**

This system is owned and operated by the Town of Emmitsburg, which is located in the northern part of the County along US 15. The system does provide service to properties currently outside the municipal limits in the Mountain View Rd. area west of Town.

### **Existing Facilities**

The Emmitsburg Sewerage System, a separate system not combined with stormwater conveyance, treatment or discharge, serves a Town population of 3,137 (July 2018) plus 71 residences outside of town. It also serves the FEMA/NETC facility which is outside the municipal limits.

The Town owns and operates the 0.750 MGD wastewater treatment facility, built in 2015, which utilizes Class 5A ENR, Biolac Reactors, clarifiers, denitrification, and post aeration to achieve permit requirements. It discharges into Toms Creek that drains into the upper Monocacy River. Average flow to the facility for the period 2010 to 2019 was 500,000 gpd with inflow/infiltration (I/I) amounts. The Town is actively pursuing a program to identify sources of I/I and to implement improvements to reduce the associated flow.

The collection system consists of 8 inch, 10 inch, and 12 inch and 15-inch lines. All sewage flows by gravity to a pumping station located along Creamery Road near Flat Run, which boosts the sewage to the treatment plant, which is located on the east side of US 15.

### **Existing and Future Demand**

The Town's current population is 3,137 (July 2018) and projects a 2030 population of 3,750 with a total of 1,500 households. This would equate to an increase in sewer demand of 75,000 gpd. Based on current figures, in 2030 the current system would have an excess capacity of 192,000 gpd.

### **Proposed Improvements**

The existing treatment plant was brought on-line in July 2015. This plant did not increase capacity, but will allow the Town to meet the annual average effluent nutrient goals of 3.0 mg/L of total nitrogen (TN) and 0.30 mg/L of total phosphorus (TP) as provided for in the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act and ENR strategy. The nutrient load limits per year are:

- BOD<sub>5</sub> May through September: 11,475 lbs.; remainder of year: 39,856 lbs.
- TSS 68,525 lbs.
- Total Phosphorus 685 lbs.
- Total Nitrogen 9,137 lbs.
- Continue a program to identify sources of I/I and to implement improvements to reduce the associated flows.

The Town is working on an upgrade to the Creamery Rd. pump station to be completed in 2021.

### **Mount St. Mary's University**

Mount St. Mary's University is served by a private wastewater treatment plant located northeast of the junction of US 15 and College Lane, and consisting of 2 trains of MBR reactors. The plant was constructed in 2015 with a design capacity of 160,000 gpd. Effluent from the plant is de-chlorinated prior to being discharged into St. Mary's Run, which flows into Toms Creek. Sludge is either applied on land or hauled for further treatment and disposal to another facility. Most sewage flows by gravity to the WWTP but there are also 3 lift stations to aid in getting the wastewater to the WWTP. The treatment plant receives an average daily flow of 60,000 gpd during the academic year. The adjacent Mountain Manor rehabilitation facility was granted a waiver by MDE to connect to the university system in 2008 due to their failing septic system. The Mountain Manor flow is forced to the WWTP by one of the 3 lift stations previously mentioned.

The MDE considers the Mount St. Mary's University system as a Community system because it serves more than one lot. The County recognizes it as a "legacy" community system, but maps it as a Multi-Use system to reflect the private ownership and operation of the system.

### **3. TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN**

Middletown is located in the Middletown Valley. The municipality centers on an established commercial district along US 40A, a full K-12 complement of schools, and a regional park surrounded by low-density residential uses. The Middletown wastewater system is owned and operated by the Town of Middletown.

#### **Existing Facilities**

The wastewater system consists of two treatment plants. The West Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) was constructed in 1976 and has a design capacity of 250,000 gpd. and discharges directly into Catoclin Creek. The system is a separate wastewater system, with no components combined with stormwater conveyance, treatment, or discharge. The East WWTP was constructed in 2000 with a design capacity of 350,000 gpd. and discharges into Hollow Creek, which is a tributary of Catoclin Creek. The East WWTP has a permit capacity of 250,000 gpd. The East WWTP consists of a biolac extended aeration/activated sludge aeration basin, grit removal, bar screen, aquadisk filter, cascade post aeration and reed bed for sludge disposal. The addition of the East WWTP has substantially reduced flow to the West WWTP.

Approximately 1/3 of the Town flows by gravity directly to the West WWTP. From Broad Street east, however, the system flows to the Cone Branch pumping station located on Cone Branch between Old Middletown and Holter Roads, which lifts the sewage to a manhole at Holter Road and conveys sewage to either the East WWTP or the West WWTP. Another pump station, Brookridge South, conveys all sewage from the Brookridge South subdivision to the West WWTP. Both pumping stations have more than enough capacity to serve existing and future development. The West WWTP utilizes an aerated lagoon in its treatment.

The Cone Branch pumping station was built in 1955 and renovated in 2000. The Route 40-A pumping station was abandoned in 2001 with the construction of the Glenbrook subdivision. All sanitary sewage flows by gravity to the East WWTP. The Brookridge South pumping station was built in 1992. In 2005, the Foxfield pumping station was built to convey sewage into the central drainage basin which flows into the Cone Branch pumping station.

The original collection system was constructed in 1955 and is comprised of clay pipe. Expansions to the system were completed in the 1980's and 1990's and 2000's, utilizing PVC pipe. Approximately 5,600 ft. of 6 in. pressure sewer and 1,000 ft. of 4-inch force main also exists. Transmission lines are rated 'fair' by the Town.

An extensive Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) Study was performed in 1991/1993 which resulted in an I&I reduction program which significantly reduced extraneous flows. An I&I investigation/reduction program for flows into the East treatment plant is ongoing and continues on a yearly basis.

### **Existing and Future Demand**

The Town's 2018 population is 4,688. The Town has 1,691 existing sanitary services. Average daily flow in 2017 to the West WWTP was 0.203 MGD and to the East WWTP, flow was 0.227 MGD. The available capacity for both plants at its full design capacity is approximately 164,000 GPD, which could accommodate approximately 656 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs). The Town's projected population for 2030 is 4,960. The Town's Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2010, has identified a Future Growth Area. The population projections for the Town and the Future Growth Area for year 2020 have an associated demand of 0.628 mgd and peak flow of 1.194 mgd. This includes developed subdivisions in the Future Growth Area, which are candidates for annexation, particularly if the existing private water and/or septic systems fail.

### **Planned Improvements**

- To improve the performance of the West WWTP, sludge was removed from the existing lagoon in 2012. The existing lagoon was constructed out of the floodplain, but is surrounded by floodplain. While work may be done within the confines of the existing lagoons, it will be necessary to perform hydrologic and hydraulic studies of the impact on the floodplain as a result of any future earthwork activity beyond the existing lagoons.
- The Town has identified additional I&I work on a five (5) year cycle in the Capital Improvements Program.
- The East WWTP was designed to be expanded to 700,000 gpd, which would also require construction of a new aeration tank, reed beds, and clarifier.

## **4. TOWN OF MT. AIRY**

The Town of Mt. Airy owns and operates the system, which serves both the Frederick and Carroll County sides of the town. Refer to the Carroll County Water & Sewerage Plan for more information.

### **Existing Facilities**

The WWTP has a design and permit capacity of 1.2 mgd and includes 11 pumping stations (4 in Frederick County), interceptor and collection lines ranging from 6 to 15 inches in diameter. The WWTP is located in Carroll county one mile east of MD 27 and south of Watersville Road and discharges into the South Branch of the Patapsco River, through Discharge Permit 00-DP-0641A and NPDES Permit MD G679535.

In 2006, the Town performed a full system Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) camera inspection of the original 1971 sewer infrastructure. The I&I in its system was estimated at 120,000 GPD in 2007. Mt. Airy is making improvements each year to reduce and correct the I&I issue and allow capacity to be used elsewhere in the sewer service area. The Town is also currently upgrading the existing treatment plant to meet Enhance Nutrient Removal (ENR) standards of 3.0 mg/l Total Nitrogen and 0.30 mg/l for total Phosphorus.

### **Existing and Future Demand**

As of 2012, sewer service was provided to 3,160 EDUs. Average treatment flow from 2015-2016 was approximately 725,000 gpd, including a significant amount of I&I. According to Carroll County, the total future wastewater demand assumes that lands within the Town's Growth Boundary builds-out according to the adopted land use plan and, if that occurs, the total future wastewater demand for the Mt. Airy WWTP would be 1,064,000 gpd.

## **5. TOWN OF MYERSVILLE**

Myersville is located in the western part of Frederick County along MD 17 north of I-70. The areas immediately adjacent to the Town's borders are primarily shown for future low density residential uses on the Town's Master Plan. The Myersville wastewater collection and treatment facilities are owned by the Town and operated by the Maryland Environmental Service.

### **Existing Facilities**

The Myersville wastewater treatment plant has a design capacity of 300,000 gallons per day (gpd) and discharges into Grindstone Run, which is a tributary of Catoctin Creek. The plant uses a Sequence Batch Reactor (SBR) and experienced a three-year average (2015-2018) daily flow of 118,400 gpd. The wastewater system is separate from the stormwater management system. The condition of the treatment plant is very adequate for the current NPDES permit requirements. The most recent upgrade to the system occurred in 1999. The transmission lines along Main Street are newly installed PVC lines, constructed as part of the Main Street renovation project. The Town replaced nearly one mile of old clay sewer lines on the south end of Town in 2015, eliminating a large portion of the infiltration and intrusion into the system. The Town has experienced a steady decline in the three-year rolling average since this time.

### **Existing and Future Demand**

Myersville has a 2018 population of 1,799 and is expected to grow to 2,092 by the year 2020. The wastewater treatment plant has an excess capacity and therefore can meet the 20-year demand needs of the area. The Town has recently documented a total sewer allocation of 133,750 GPD, which incorporates the existing average flows, plus future needs for existing residential and commercial lots of record, resulting in a remaining sewage treatment capacity of 166,250 GPD.

### **Planned Improvements**

The treatment plant experiences high levels of inflow/infiltration (I&I), although some corrections have already been made. The Town is planning for the installation of roughly 1,500 LF of sewer line along Canada Hill Road to serve 23 properties currently unserved by public sewer.

## **6. TOWN OF THURMONT**

The Town of Thurmont owns and operates the sewerage system, which primarily serves the municipality. The Town's estimated population in 2018 was 6,752. Service outside the municipal boundary is also provided to Catoctin High School, Catoctin Mountain Park Visitors Center, Camp Airy, and Camp Misty Mount and also to Cunningham Falls State Park

### **Existing Facilities**

The Thurmont WWTP has a design capacity of 1 MGD, which discharges into Hunting Creek. The plant was upgraded for biological nutrient removal (BNR) in 1996 and further upgraded to Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) in 2012. The average daily flows to the plant in years 2015 through 2018 were 741,000 gpd. The system is a separate wastewater system, with no components combined with the stormwater system.

The existing collection system consists of approximately 182,900 ft. of 6 in. - 16 in. pipe. Three small pumping stations exist: (1) Roddy Road, (2) Mantle Court and (3) Golf Course Lane. Roddy Road Pumping Station receives flow from Old Barn Court, Eyler Road, Terben Court, Apples Church Road and Roddy Road. Sewage is pumped via a 6-inch force main approximately 1,000 feet to a manhole located along Apples Church Road. Mantle Court Pumping Station receives flow from Bennett Drive, Tammy Court and Mantle Court. Sewage is pumped via a 6-inch force main approximately 1,000 feet to a manhole located along Bennett Drive. Golf Course Lane Pump Station receives flow from Sylvia Circle and Golf Course Lane. Sewage is pumped via a 6-inch force main approximately 1,500 feet to a manhole located on Moser Road. The remaining drainage area of the town conveys flow to the WWTP via 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 24-

inch gravity sewer mains and interceptors. Approximately 90% of the sewage collected flows by gravity to the WWTP. In addition to this system, a 6-inch force main extends west along Hunting Creek to Cunningham Falls State Park.

### **Existing and Future Demand**

The 2018 population of the Town of Thurmont was 6,752. Based on the Town's Master Plan, adopted in 2010, there is a potential for an additional 1,997 dwellings. These additional dwellings would be accommodated on vacant land within the current Town boundary and on land within its growth boundary that would be considered for annexation. Currently the Town only has eight (8) dwellings that have development approvals but are unbuilt, i.e. in the pipeline. The population increase from the additional 1,997 dwellings would be approximately 5,392.

### **Planned Improvements**

- Expansion of the WWTP to increase the treatment capacity from 1.0 MGD to 1.33 MGD is several years away, according to the Town and dependent upon finalizing a funding program.
- Address the 11 existing septic systems within the Town limits to connect to the public system.
- Thurmont Sewer System I & I Reduction Projects:
  - Phase I –complete
  - Phase II –complete
  - Phase III – complete
  - Phase IV --planned to begin in summer 2020
  - Phase V –planned to begin in 2025

## **7. TOWN OF WOODSBORO**

The Town of Woodsboro owns and maintains its sewerage system. The Town includes a small industrial park, an elementary school and low intensity commercial uses along Main St. The service area includes properties designated for industrial growth to the west and south of the Town, and residential northeast of the Town. The Town's policy is not to extend water and sewer service to areas outside the corporate limits.

### **Existing Facilities**

The initial sewerage system for Woodsboro was constructed in 1980 and was upgraded in 2004 with a design capacity of 250,000 gallons per day. The WWTP discharges into Israel Creek, a tributary of the Monocacy River. The plant is a Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) system and consists of comminutors, aeration chamber, secondary clarifier, chlorination chamber, dechlorination chamber, re-aeration chamber, aerobic digester, and sludge dewatering beds.

The collection system consists of approximately 20,000 linear ft. of 8 inch and 10 inch PVC pipe and 400 ft. of 4 inch iron force main and a package lift station.

### **Existing & Future Demand**

Woodsboro has a 2018 estimated population of 1,240. The projected population of Woodsboro at build-out of areas designated for residential development is approximately 1,600 people. The system does not serve any properties outside of the current municipal limits.

### **Planned Improvements**

- Perform recommended maintenance of pumps and motors to improve and maintain reliable performance.
- Evaluate the need to replace and upgrade control panel components with current technology to maintain optimal plant performance and reliability.
- Continue to monitor and address Inflow and Infiltration issues to reduce stormwater runoff entering the system.

## **V. SUB-REGIONAL COMMUNITY SYSTEMS**

There are six sub-regional community systems, which may also be referred to as small systems since they may only serve an individual subdivision or several subdivisions or other uses. Often built in response to failing septic systems, with few exceptions these community systems are not planned for expansion nor are they located so as to be connected to a regional system in the foreseeable future. All of the systems described below are public systems owned and maintained by the Frederick County DWSU with the exception of the Highfield/Cascade system, which is operated by Washington County.

### **1. HIGHFIELD/CASCADE SYSTEM**

The Washington County Sanitary District entered into an agreement with Frederick County to provide sewer service to those Frederick County properties now being served with community water by the Washington County Sanitary District. Approximately 54 properties are served by a combination Small Diameter Gravity Sewer (SDGS) system and a Septic Tank Effluent Pump (STEP) pressure sewer system and two (2) pumping stations.

Effluent is treated at the C. William Winebrenner treatment plant (formerly Ft. Ritchie WWTP). The Winebrenner WWTP utilizes primary clarifiers, rotating biological contactors (RBCs) for secondary biological treatment, secondary clarifiers, and chlorination for disinfection and sulfur dioxide for disinfection. Sludge generated on-site can either be dried on site in the sand drying beds or transported and processed at the Conococheague WWTP. Effluent is discharged into Falls Creek. Average daily flow is 0.120 MGD, serving approximately 1,200 people in both Washington County and Frederick County.

The Washington County Department of Water Quality has upgraded the Winebrenner WWTP with Enhanced Nutrient Removal, with design capacity now at 0.600 MGD, which is anticipated to serve an estimated 2030 population of 4,800.

### **2. WHITE ROCK SYSTEM**

White Rock is a small residential subdivision, of approximately 103 lots, located on Bethel Rd. northwest of Frederick City. It is zoned R-3 Low Density Residential. The initial wastewater treatment system was constructed in 1977.

#### **Existing Facilities**

The White Rock WWTP has a design capacity of 25,000 gallon per day (gpd) with a permit limit of 50,000 gpd. It is a separate wastewater system, with no system components combined with stormwater conveyance, treatment, or discharge. The plant discharges into a tributary of Tuscarora Creek. The plant is receiving an average flow of 15,000 gpd. It currently utilizes activated sludge for its treatment process. The excess permitted discharge capacity is 35,000 gpd.

The existing collection system is composed of PVC pipe that was installed in the late 1970's. The system appears to be in good condition with an average per capita flow of 43 gallons per capita per day (gpcd). There is indication of some infiltration or inflow but the County has performed repairs and manhole lining projects to help reduce I/I.

### **Existing & Future Demand**

The current population of the White Rock service area is 265. There is a limited amount of development potential on vacant parcels, which could allow for an additional 15-20 lots/dwellings under the R-3 zoning. Based on the planning assumption of 250 gallons/day/dwelling the potential for 20 dwellings would require approximately 5,000 gpd of capacity.

### **Planned Improvements**

A replacement WWTP was completed in 2017 with a 25,000 GPD design capacity. The WWTP utilizes an equalization basin, extended aeration, and ultra-violet disinfection. Another treatment train of 25,000 GPD capacity is planned for installation in late 2019.

## **3. CRESTVIEW ESTATES SYSTEM**

Crestview is a small residential subdivision located along Bethel Rd. just south of the Mountindale community. Many of the residences located within the area are not connected to the public sewer system and some are experiencing septic systems problems.

### **Existing Facilities**

The current WWTP, which replaced an older plant, was constructed in 1994 and has a design capacity of 36,000 gpd with average flows of 49,000 gpd. It is a separate wastewater system, with no system components combined with stormwater conveyance, treatment, or discharge. The plant is operating under the existing permit allowing a discharge of 36,000 gpd. The treatment process is an activated sludge followed by UV disinfection. The plant discharges into Muddy Creek, which is a tributary of the Monocacy River.

The existing conveyance system is composed of 8-inch clay and PVC pipe installed in the 1970's. The average flow equates to a per capita flow of 138 gallons per capita per day (gpcd), indicating the existence of a high rate of infiltration and inflow. The high peak flows experienced by the system also suggest a high rate of inflow.

### **Existing & Future Demand**

There are currently about 120 lots/dwellings being served by the system. There are approximately 54 additional lots/dwellings that are classified S-4, which assuming 250 gallons/day/dwelling would require approximately 13,500 gpd of capacity. The replacement treatment plant was built to facilitate only the existing flows into the system; it has no excess capacity. Any growth in the area cannot be connected into the system without permission of the State. The operational performance of the plant will help determine whether the State will allow additional taps.

The service area includes the surrounding houses, an unbuilt section of Crestview Estates, and some larger parcels. This is a septic problem area, and fifty-four (54) taps have been reserved by the County for existing lots. Any excess taps may be claimed by the Trolley Run Subdivision.

### **Planned Improvements**

- DWSU recently completed the capital improvement project which replaced all failing sewer manholes (14) and a 165 LF section of 8-inch diameter vitrified clay sewer lines.
- Additional sewer pipe replacement and lining are planned in order to reduce I&I.

#### **4. MILL BOTTOM SYSTEM**

The County's Mill Bottom system is located in the Green Valley area just south of Mt. Airy. This system serves several subdivisions including Manorwood, Samhill Estates, and Harvest Ridge. It also serves the Rattlewood Golf Course clubhouse located in Montgomery County. While this service area is designated as Low Density Residential on the 2010 County Comprehensive Plan it is not considered as a community growth area. Surrounding development is designated as Rural Residential reflecting their use of individual well/septic systems.

##### **Existing Facilities**

The WWTP utilizes Intermittent Cycle Extended Aeration (ICEAS), and discharges into Bush Creek, a tributary of the Monocacy River. It is a separate wastewater system, with no system components combined with stormwater conveyance, treatment, or discharge. The WWTP has a permitted/design capacity of 100,000 GPD and an average daily flow of 65,000 GPD.

##### **Existing and Future Demand**

The Harvest Ridge subdivision, 226 total lots, has 33 unbuilt lots as of April 2018. There is a planned elementary school site that would also be served. The service area also includes several residences on the north side of I-70 along Old Mill Bottom Road that is a septic problem area that could be served by this system. These residences could also be considered for service by the Town of Mt. Airy system. Mill Bottom is currently having process improvements made to its system with no planned expansion of its discharge permit.

Limited groundwater availability may impact expansion of this facility.

#### **5. PLEASANT BRANCH SYSTEM**

The Pleasant Branch service area is located in the Green Valley area along Windsor Rd and MD 75. The system serves the Windsor Knolls and the Preserve at Windsor Knolls (Horan) subdivisions, Windsor Knolls Middle School, and the Friends Meeting School. This system was approved under a previous policy allowing sub-regional systems.

##### **Existing Facilities**

The Pleasant Branch WWTP has a design capacity of 100,000 gpd with an average flow of 56,000 gpd and discharges to Pleasant Branch, a tributary of Bennett Creek. The Pleasant Branch WWTP is a separate wastewater system, with no system components combined with stormwater conveyance, treatment or discharge. It uses an Intermittent Cycle Extended Aeration System (ICEAS) incorporating ammonia removal and UV disinfection. The plant is expandable to 250,000 gpd. All piping is PVC. There are no pumping stations.

##### **Existing and Future Demand**

Both the Knolls of Windsor and Preserve at Windsor Knolls subdivisions are built out. When this sub-regional system was first approved it was anticipated to also serve the adjoining Loch Haven subdivision, which was developed in the 1970's with mostly ½ acre lots on well/septic. The Loch Haven subdivision has 173 existing lots/dwellings. There may also be potential expansion of the Friends Meeting School. The Windsor Knolls Middle School is built to its maximum capacity of 924 students.

## **6. LEWISTOWN SYSTEM**

The Lewistown community is located on the east side of US 15 and is generally bounded by Angleberger Road, Hessong Bridge Road, Powell Road and US 15. It is primarily residential with several commercial and institutional uses including Beckley's RV Center, Lewistown Elementary School, and the Lewistown Volunteer Fire Company.

Lewistown has long experienced septic issues due to the small lot sizes, typically below the one (1) acre minimum now required for septic systems (onsite sewage disposal systems [OSDS]). The Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) conducted a sanitary survey in 1994, which concluded that there was a need for a public sewer system. However, due to a lack of public support, among other things, such a project did not move forward. Another survey was conducted in 2013, which reached the same conclusion. This study identified a core area of need along Hessong Bridge Road between Angleberger Road to the north and Powell Road to the south ("Core Area of Need")

### **Existing Facilities**

The existing Lewistown Multi-Use WWTP currently serves Lewistown Elementary School and the Lewistown Fire Company and was constructed in the 1960's. The existing WWTP is owned and maintained by the Frederick County Division of Water and Sewer Utilities (DWSU). The facility is comprised of multiple septic tanks that provide primary treatment followed by an intermediate pumping station, which discharges to a sand filter (mound) that provides secondary treatment. Effluent from the sand filter tank is disinfected using an ultraviolet (UV) treatment unit and then discharged to an outfall to Fishing Creek. The facility is governed by NPDES Permit MD 0022900 (State Permit No. 08-DP-0730) allowing an annual average flow of 22,000 gallons per day (gpd). The flows can be quite intermittent given the school's component of the flow (particularly during the summer when school is not in session) and greatly variable during wet weather as a result of the exposed sand filter. The last improvement to the wastewater treatment facilities occurred circa 1976, while other facility improvements have been on an as-needed basis through the operation and maintenance by the DWSU.

### **Existing and Future Demand**

Based on the Health Department's most recent Sanitary Survey, a Lewistown Sewer Service Area was established. Currently, there are approximately 84 existing residences within the Lewistown Sewer Service Area. Other uses include Beckley's RV Center, Home Run Trucking Company, Lewistown Elementary School, two (2) churches, and the Lewistown Fire Company.

Within the established sewer service area, a core area of need was identified along the Hessong Bridge Road corridor (Core Area) that includes approximately 35 residences, the elementary school, fire station, the Lewistown United Methodist Church, and several businesses. Parcel no. 375, located on Fish Hatchery Road, is also included under the Phase I allocation for the project pursuant to the Lewistown Mills Sewer Service Agreement executed November 17, 2015 between the County and Mr. John Tyler Quynn.

There are four (4) undeveloped lots of record in the Phase I area. The 35 existing residences would require an estimated 8,750 gpd of treatment capacity based on a design basis of 250 gallons per day per equivalent dwelling unit.

Future demand for wastewater treatment in a subsequent phase(s) include the remaining 49 residences, at least one business, and the Mount Prospect Church. There are also approximately three (3) undeveloped lots of record. The 49 existing residences and three (3) potential residences would require approximately 13,000 gpd of treatment capacity based on the 250 gpd per equivalent dwelling unit used in planning assumptions.

The Lewistown Sewer Service Area specifically excludes four (4) larger, undeveloped parcels on the north side of Fish Hatchery Road and three (3) developed lots of Acer Court. Each of the undeveloped parcels may develop with a residence and are large enough to accommodate a suitable septic system. The three developed parcels on Acer Court are also large enough (2+ acres) to accommodate a suitable septic area and reserve area if needed.

### **Prioritization of Service**

Due to the limited treatment capacity relative to the existing and future demand with the service area, the following policies will guide how the treatment capacity is allocated. There is no guarantee that sewage treatment capacity will be available to serve all existing and future development within the Lewistown Sewer Service Area.

- Priority 1 – Existing residences and businesses in the Core Area with the initial classification of S-5 on the County’s Sewer Map
- Priority 2 – Existing residences and businesses within the remaining service area and classified as Planned Service (PS) on the County’s Sewer Map.
- Priority 3 – Future residences and businesses

### **Planned Improvements**

With the transfer of the Lewistown Mills WWTP discharge permit (5,000 gpd) to the County’s Lewistown WWTP (22,000 gpd) there would be a theoretical sewage capacity of 27,000 gpd in the Lewistown WWTP.

Considering that the Lewistown WWTP is nearly 50 years old, a plant upgrade and replacement project is currently under design. The project will include the design and construction of a more conventional treatment system that will treat to enhanced nutrient removal (ENR) standards. The upgrade and replacement project will accommodate wastewater flows from the newly created service area. Capacity of the Lewistown WWTP will also be dictated by possible credits for the removal of septic systems in consideration of Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and local Health Department funding opportunities, which may affect other key aspect of the wastewater system such as the collection system.

In developing a CIP project to provide these properties with public sewer service, the Frederick County Health Department, the Frederick County Division of Planning & Permitting, and the Frederick County Division of Water and Sewer Utilities have identified this Core Area as Phase 1 of a project to provide sanitary sewer service in the defined Lewistown Sewer Service Area. Phase I of the project includes replacement of the existing WWTP and the extension of low pressure sewer lines to the properties in the Core Area that have failed or failing septic systems. Phase 1 is currently under design.

A separate project included in the County’s FY 2017 CIP is a low pressure sewer system (LPSS) option, whereby individual grinder pumps would be installed and constructed with small diameter foremain oriented to maximize connection of existing dwellings within the Core Area of Need and elsewhere in the Lewistown Sewer Service Area. An LPSS system provides maximum flexibility to serve “existing” dwellings that may have unique building sewer and septic configurations that differ from new plumbing construction standards. Once in place to serve the existing dwellings, any vacant lot that may be developed will also rely on the LPSS system.

The individual grinder pumps and the force main are expected to be owned and maintained by the County’s DWSU, which would be memorialized with individual grinder pump agreements and easements that have been standardized in certain locations within its collective system. It is important to note that with respect to the use of grinder pumps, the Design Manual for Water and Sewer Facilities, Chapter 3 – Sewer Main Design, Section 3.1.2.3 states, *“In rare instances, a grinder pump owned and maintained by the County will be situated on private property. The grinder*

*pump receives the flow of wastewater through the building sewer from the house or building and pumps it through a force main pip to the gravity sewer main or a pressure main. It is incumbent on the property owner to grant an easement to the County for maintenance of the grinder pump and associated force main. Cost of electric power for the grinder pump is at the expense of the property owner.”* Also, Section 3.2.3.1.1 (Depth Mains) states, “*General: Sewers shall be designed sufficiently deep to receive sewage from basements. The use of ejector pumps is discouraged in new construction; use of grinder pumps in new construction is permitted only in extraordinary circumstances as determined by the [County DWSU].*”<sup>2</sup> These citations are included to emphasize that the use of grinder pumps elsewhere with the County or proposed for certain areas, such as Lewistown, does not set precedent for their use in new development.

<sup>2</sup> The actual text is ‘Bureau of Water and Sewer’ versus the County DWSU; however, organizationally, this reference has been outdated since 2000 and could have been confusing to the reader.

## **VI. MULTI-USE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS**

There are approximately 22 Multi-Use wastewater systems serving individual businesses or institutions on one site or under one ownership in the County. The State requires that the County approve and inventory Multi-Use systems in the Water and Sewerage Plan (see Table 4.08).

A Multi-Use Sewerage System for the purposes of the Plan, is defined as a system of piping, pumps, tanks, or other treatment components that have a discharge in excess of 5,000 GPD. These systems may either use a conventional septic system with a drain field or what is referred to as a package plant, which is a small wastewater treatment plant that discharges treated effluent into a nearby stream or river.

Multi-Use systems have been established throughout the County. The majority of them are located outside water and sewerage service areas and will never have the opportunity of connecting to a public community system. Others are located within a service area, but it will be many years before the system will be extended so that the institution, etc., can connect to it.

Identification and tracking of Multi-Use systems provide the County information on the location of on-site Multi-Use systems and will allow the County to identify areas where Multi-Use systems may create cumulative impacts on ground and surface waters, and facilitate a more comprehensive review of future proposal for Multi-Use systems which are to be located in areas where the provision of community water and sewer service is not anticipated.

In order to ensure the protection of natural resources, the County may, in consultation with the Health Department and the Maryland Department of the Environment, require hydro geologic studies of the potential effects of the proposed Multi-Use system on ground and surface water resources, if warranted.

The Multi-Use systems are shown on the Water and Sewerage Plan maps with classification shading on the entire parcel served by the system. They are almost always privately owned and operated by the individual business or institution which they serve and are not designed for, nor permitted to extend service to, any other properties nearby. One system is owned by the County to serve Kemptown Elementary school and the adjoining Kemptown Park.

**Table 4.08 Multi-Use Wastewater Treatment Systems**

<b>Business/Use</b>	<b>Type of Treatment</b>	<b>NPDES Permit</b>	<b>Point of Discharge</b>	<b>Capacity (MGD)</b>
South Mt. Inn, restaurant			Catoctin Creek	0.18
Redland Brick, Rocky Ridge	Activated Sludge, Chlorination pH	MD0052345	Beaver Branch	.003 (permit: .001)
Camp Airy, Thurmont	Septic, sand filter		Trib. Owens Creek	.05
Foxville Naval Quarters Foxville Gardens Foxville Plaza	Activated tertiary, flow, equalization, sand filters, Ultra violet light	MD0025119	Trib. Owens Creek MD-09-DP-2535	.045
Camp Round Meadow	lagoon		ground discharge	0.13 Future connection to Foxville system
Camp Greentop	Septic, sand filter		ground discharge	0.13
Concord Mobile Home Park	Extended aeration, activated sludge, chlorination/dechlorination	MD0023060	Renn Branch	.015
Valleyview Springview Mobile Home (formally Valley View)	Activated Sludge, Chlorination, pH	MD002870	Butterfly Branch	.007
New Life Foursquare Church & School	Extended Aeration	MD0057100	Butterfly Branch	.005
Kempton Elementary school/park	Extended Aeration. Sand Filter, Ultra violet light	MD0056481	Fahrney Branch MD-13-DP-1574	.005
AT&T Switching Station, Fingerboard Road (MD 80)	Activated Sludge, Chlorination, Sand Filter, pH		Fahrney Branch	.003
I-70 Rest Area, Myersville	Sequence Batch Reactor	MD0023680	Trib. Grindstone Run	0.050
Shamrock Restaurant, Thurmont	Activated Sludge	MD0058050	Trib. Owens Creek	Permit: 0.010
Green Valley Shopping Ctr., Monrovia	Septic		Ground discharge	System capacity > 5,000gpd; Discharge < 5,000 gpd
Life in Jesus Retreat Ctr. (Sacred Monastery of St. Nina)			Trib. North Lingular Crk.	
Shepard Pratt School (Jefferson School)	Activated Sludge	MD0067521	Lander Branch	0.010
Victor Cullen School, Sabillasville (MD Dept. of Juvenile Services)	Trickling filter. To be upgraded to ENR	MD0023922	Tributary of Friends Creek	0.05
St. John's Regional Catholic Prep.	Septic		Ground discharge MD-13-DP-3589	0.00848
Damascus Road Community Church, Mt. Airy	Septic		Ground discharge	
St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church, Monrovia	Septic		Ground discharge	
Mt. St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg	Extended Aeration, Activated Sludge	MD0023230	Tributary to Tom's Creek	0.160
Frederick Christian Fellowship, Hansonville Road	Lagoon		Spray Irrigation-ground discharge MD-12-DP-3336	
Trans-Tech (Adamstown)			Tributary of Tuscarora Creek	

## **VII. SEPTIC PROBLEM AREAS**

The following Table 4.09 lists various subdivisions and communities that have been identified as having problems with existing septic systems. Some of the problems may only be anecdotal in nature and some have been documented by surveys conducted by the Health Department. In some cases the septic failures may also be causing water contamination issues.

**Table 4.09 Septic Problem Areas**

<b>Subdivision/Community</b>	<b>Problem Description</b>	<b>Existing Dwelling Units</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Sewage Treatment Demand</b>	<b>Possible Remedy</b>
Bartonsville	Failing individual septs	100	270	25,000 gpd	Is in a planned sewer service area
Braddock Heights	Failing individual septs		735		connect portion of community to the Fountaindale system
Broadview Acres	Failing individual septs	48	130	12,000 gpd	connect to Frederick City or County system
Buckeystown	Failing individual septs. Businesses w/holding tanks		1,021		Is in a planned sewer service area
Burkittsville	Non-conforming septic systems; Use of holding tanks; Well contamination	69	163	17,250 gpd	Undetermined
Crestview Estates	Part of subdivision on septs w/ problems	54	146	13,500 gpd	Has an existing system but without capacity for 54 lots still on septic
Lewistown	Failing individual septs	90	155	22,500 gpd	Public sewer service area established in 2015
Lockwood Heights/Pete Wiles Estates	Failing individual septs	60	162	15,000 gpd	Undetermined
Lori Lane/Willis Acres	Failing individual septs	35	95	8,750 gpd	Connect to Crestview system
Mountain View/Orchard Road area	Failing individual septs	4	11	1,000 gpd	Majority of lots already connected to public sewer system in Emmitsburg
Mt. Pleasant	Failing individual septs	30	81	7,500 gpd	Undetermined
New London	Failing individual septs	10	35	2,500 gpd	Undetermined
Old Mill Bottom Rd.	Failing individual septs	20	54	5,000 gpd	Possible connection to Mt. Airy municipal sewer system
Rangers Woods	Failing individual septs	25	100	6,250 gpd	Connect to Urbana service area

<b><u>Subdivision/Community</u></b>	<b>Problem Description</b>	<b>Existing Dwelling Units</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Sewage Treatment Demand</b>	<b>Possible Remedy</b>
Riffle Road area	Failing individual septics	10	27	2,500 gpd	Undetermined
Rock Hall	Failing individual septics	13	55	3,250 gpd	Connect to Point of Rocks system
Rosemont	Failing individual septics	100	318	25,000 gpd	connect to City of Brunswick system
Sabillasville	Failing individual septics		354		Undetermined